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Video poker ban proceeds smoothly

No Granite City violations reported

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Monday marked the first day of a two-county ban on video gambling machines — a day that was too long in coming, say some Madison County officials.

"Because of the amount of dollars involved, a lack of regulation on behalf of the players and because it's illegal, it was something that had to be addressed," Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said on Monday. "I think (the ban) is the only way to do that both fairly and uniformly. These periodic sweeps and raids put the area in a bad light, as well as tavern owners and bartenders who are otherwise law-abiding citizens."

Haine and St. Clair County State's Attorney Bob Haida jointly declared the ban last week giving owners a week to clear the machines from their businesses. The ban followed the beginning of a Madison County grand jury investigation into two separate alleged illegal gambling operations run by an amusement owner from Troy and another from Collinsville.

"I know I'm the bearer of bad news for some folks and I respect their view of that. We didn't write the law. It's actually an old statute. We're just enforcing it."

William R. Haine
State's attorney

"We've come full circle from when we requested the ban originally," Collinsville Police Chief Gerrit Gillespie said. "It does make our job a lot easier. We felt it was the right position to take."

Collinsville police had asked the city to ban the games last year after a handful of raids at local taverns turned up some illegal gambling with the devices. Belleville officials had enacted such a ban a short time before, but Collinsville

officials never took action on the matter.

Gillespie said officers hand-delivered letters last week to several owners where the banned machines might be found.

"All the places we delivered to didn't have any machines," Gillespie said. "That's a good sign."

Police Chief Dave Reubhausen of Granite City also sent out a letter last week stating all machines had to be removed by March 6. Police investigations, as of Monday had showed no one not complying with the order, Major Kip Pomeroy said.

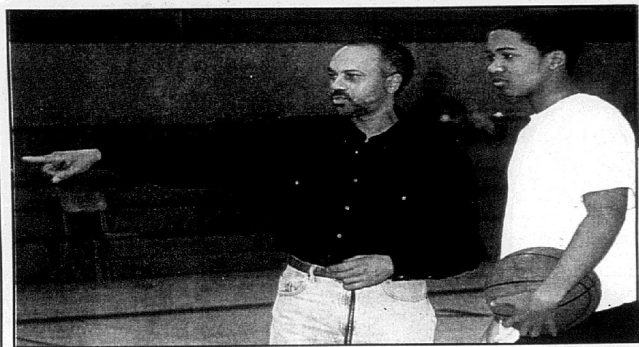
Haine said he accepts some responsibility for the growth of the gambling operations because his office failed to tackle the issue sooner.

"There have always been a few places with a few of these machines," Haine said. "In the last few years, though, it has just gotten out of hand. It was something we really didn't focus on until these two Collinsville cases came to light."

"It is obvious that the problem has grown tremendously."

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Hoops for hearts



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Madison High School physical education instructor Marcus Spraggins shows student Larry Hays the positions to shoot from in an exercise for Hoops for Hearts. Students competed in a variety of drills in the event, which was sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Battery charges levied

Incidents occur at Kirkpatrick Homes

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Felony charges for aggravated battery were handed down Monday against two Granite City residents in separate incidents.

In the first, Dana Foster, 50, of Kirkpatrick Homes was charged Monday with allegedly beating his 69-year-old mother.

According to police reports, the beating on Sunday happened because the mother told Foster to get on with his life after breaking up with his girlfriend.

Responding officers observed the mother had been struck on the face, as her left cheek bone and eye area were swollen.

Foster was charged with attacking his mother once before. Apparently he attacked her 16 years earlier with a knife.

As of Monday, Foster was being held at the Granite City Police Department. Bail was set at \$75,000.

In the second, unrelated incident, Joshua H. Anderson, 17, of Kirkpatrick Homes was charged Monday with stabbing a teen rival in the arm Friday night.

According to police reports, Anderson found his girlfriend in bed with another teen. Anderson allegedly stabbed the other teen in the arm; the teen was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

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Students learn crafty methods



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

James Parker of Granite City shows the students in his daughter Liz Parker's class a belt buckle he made.

By John Frese
Staff writer

The students in Liz Parker's Niedringhaus School were given a close-up look at a craft from the Old West courtesy of Parker's father, James Parker.

His hobby is silversmithing, and he and fellow craftsman Frank Kozar brought some of their works in to the class to tell the children about. The students have been studying American westward expansion.

Liz Parker thought the hobby her father learned from Kozar, a retired Coast Guard machinist from Granite City, would be a good way to give her students a window into the art and culture of the area.

Kozar and James Parker brought samples of silver and turquoise jewelry to the class to show the students, and explained to them how the items were made.

They also described the processes which form the gems used in the jewelry, tying history, art and science together for the students to see in items they could hold in their hands.

Council honors Klohr, Pook

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Former Illinois Department of Transportation regional head Dale Klohr and racetrack developer Christopher Pook will be the recipients of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois' Salute to Southwestern Illinois Award.

The award, given to area leaders whose efforts have made an outstanding impact on the development of southwestern Illinois, will be presented at the Leadership Council's annual dinner, at 6 p.m. March 27, at the Gateway Center in Collinsville.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, will be the keynote speaker.

Klohr recently retired after 40 years with IDOT. For the last 20 years he had been the district engineer for District 8.

During that time he oversaw the construction of a number of important transportation projects, including the \$665 million construction of



Klohr Durbin Pook

Interstate 255, erection of the Clark Bridge at Alton and the Interstate 270 to Highway 143 Alton Bypass.

He now works part-time for Woolpert Consultants in both the Swansea and St. Louis offices. His duties include business development for the consulting company and overseeing its transportation projects in both Illinois and Missouri.

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Price offers support to Mitchell cause

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Mitchell's incorporation drive has picked up another prominent GOP backer.

Congressional candidate Bill Price visited Mitchell residents and incorporated Committee members last week, and reaffirmed Republican Party support for Mitchell area residents to vote on incorporation.

Price is a Republican hopeful in the March primaries to face probable candidate Rep. Jerry Costello, D-12th District, in the November elections.

"We're 100 percent behind you, and morally what you're doing is right," Price told the Mitchell residents.

Some GOP candidates for county council, including Steve Stobbs, running for the District 6 seat of Godfrey, joined with the party as a whole to endorse allowing Mitchell to have a vote.

Ron Trimmer, Mitchell's political action director, said recently they are not neces-

sarily aligning themselves with Republicans over Democrats. In the upcoming primary, the Mitchell group plans to back candidates who are "fair-minded." Trimmer said.

Many of the council members who blocked the incorporation attempt are Democrats.

"We're backing those who think for themselves and for the betterment of the county," he said.

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VOICE BOX

Do you think the United States is willing to bomb Iraq, and why or why not?



"I don't know if we would actually bomb Iraq. But we need to stop catering to (Saddam) Hussein. I think if you get rid of him the problem would be solved."

John James, 42
dairy employee



"No, I don't think we would. But we should."

Tina Peck, 32
adjustment clerk



"Yes, I definitely think we would, and I can't believe we are letting France, Russia and China tell us what to do."

Russ Kelleher, 65
retired



"Yes, I think we might, and I think they should go get Hussein."

Mary Lowe, 50
homemaker



"I think we should wait until he makes a big mistake, then go in and take over his country; and make it one of the states of the USA."

Don Lowe, 51
carpenter

Photos by Shirley Valencia
Interviews by Shirley Valencia
Interviewed at downtown Granite City

Venice man charged with multiple counts

A Venice man was charged with a half-dozen counts of misdemeanor battery following an incident at a Venice bar Saturday morning.

Craig D. Ingram, 25, of the 500 block of Jefferson Street, Venice, was charged with five counts of battery, and one count each of resisting arrest, criminal damage to property, and battery to a police officer. He was released Monday after posting bond.

According to reports, police responded to several 911 calls from the Golden Fleece, 814 Fourth Street, at about 1:50 a.m. When police arrived, the victim said Ingram had grabbed her by the hair and struck her numerous times. Police attempted to talk to Ingram, but he ignored them and allegedly tried to attack the woman again. He was then placed under arrest.

While being processed at the Venice Police Department, he allegedly jumped off a chair and again tried to attack the victim. However, a police officer got between the two and Ingram was subdued.

—Scott Cousins

Knights of Columbus dance scheduled

The Staunton Knights of Columbus, Council 2197, will sponsor its annual scholarship dance Saturday at the Staunton Knights of Columbus Hall/Crystal Ballroom.

This year's dance, scheduled from 8 p.m. to midnight, will feature Sam and Dan's House Band of Sam and Dan's Key Club in Staunton.

This is the third year Council 2197 has sponsored a scholarship dance. Proceeds will go to a scholarship fund established at Staunton High School in memory of long-time Staunton Knights of Columbus member Joe Speranza. The scholarships are available to any graduating senior from Staunton High School who plans to attend a trade school or a two-year or four-year college. In the past two years, Council 2197 has awarded \$3,500 in scholarships.

Tickets cost \$3 and are available at Staunton Unit Schools, The A-Team, Bill's IGA, McKay Auto Parts or the Crystal Ballroom.

For more information or reservations, call the Crystal Ballroom at 635-3506.



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cal Center where he was treated and released.

Anderson first told police the other teen had stabbed him and Anderson then picked up the knife, but he later changed his story. The girlfriend also told police initially a different story, but when no signs of a struggle were found in the downstairs, their investigation led them to the bedroom, where blood droppings were

found.

Anderson told police that when he arrived, he grabbed a knife from the kitchen, went upstairs and stabbed the other teen, then fled when the girl ran across the street to call police. Police arrested Anderson in an alley at Kirkpatrick Homes.

Anderson was being held in Granite City Jail on Monday. Bail was set at \$30,000.

Fair set

The parents and friends of Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville are sponsoring their Spring Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The fair is a semi-annual fund raising event for the school. There will also be a bake sale and concessions available.

Metro East Lutheran High School is located at 6305 Center Grove Road in Edwardsville, east of the SIU campus. For more information call the school at 656-0043.

Election preview

The Press-Record will profile the local candidates for county board and other offices in Thursday's paper. Look for complete primary election results in the March 19 Press-Record.

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Hibernians reflect on holiday

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

St. Patrick's Day is more than a religious holiday for the Ancient Order Hibernians of St. Clair County.

It's also a holiday for the members to reflect on their heritage. The members do this by attending many parties in the area, and by raising money for local and state charities.

The first of those parties was held Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairview Heights, sponsored by the men's chapter.

On Sunday, the ladies' chapter held their annual Irish Tea, its annual fund-raiser for state and local charities. Betty Martz called both festivities a smashing success.

"A seat wasn't to be found Saturday," she said.

An estimated 225 people attended both the dance and tea.

Several events are also planned for the coming week.

On Saturday, both chapters will march in Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Parade in St. Louis.

Monday, several members are planning to attend a St. Patrick's Day breakfast and mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

Tuesday, a flag-raising ceremony will be held at the courthouse.

On Friday, March 18, K of C Council 592 will hold its eighth annual corned beef and cabbage dinner.

A second generation Irishman, Martz's grandparents came to the United States in 1875 during the famine.

Martz said she expects there will be fewer people with full-blooded Irish people in the future as the society becomes intermarried.

"I married a German," she said.

Martz said she is also saddened by the current events in Ireland.

Price

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However, the Mitchell group is not content with just GOP support.

Trimmer and the rest of the Incorporation Committee have plans to open a campaign headquarters in Mitchell.

In addition, the group is enlisting support from residents inside Granite City and elsewhere.

Already, one large sign has gone up at a residence on Madison, with more on the way, Trimmer said.

The sign states the resident's support for allowing Mitchell to vote.

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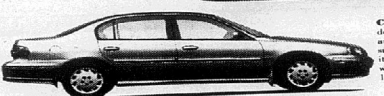
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Edna Mae McClinn, 77, of Madison died March 7, 1998, at her place of residence. She was born on Dec. 21, 1920, in Venice, she had been a retired secretary from Madison Senior High School, a member of the Local and State Illinois Association of Educational Personnel, one was an avid bingo player.

Survivors include one sister, Esther Huffman of Madison; one niece, Linda Kudelka of Granite City; and one nephew, David Hoffman of Chicago.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ephraim and Zona (Lawrence) McClinn.

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. James Hahn officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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Melvin Griffin
MELVIN R. GRIFFIN, 47, of Granite City died at 12:28 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 1998, at his residence. Mr. Griffin was born June 11, 1951, in Granite City. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Annette (Yarbrough) Griffin; one son, Clifford Griffin of Granite City; three sisters, Melissa, Patricia and Teila Griffin all of Granite City; three sisters, Doris Yell of Pilot Knob, Mo., Theresa Crawford of Ironton, Mo., and Kathy Ellsworth-Tie of Plant, Miss.; two brothers, Joe Griffin of Edwardsville, Virgil Griffin of Bellevue, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Delores (Zeigler) Griffin.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City.

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Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association or Meadow Brook First Assembly of God.

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Vera Craft
VERA V. CRAFT, 89, of Granite City died at 3:45 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Craft was born on April 2, 1908, in Conway, Ark. She had been the owner of the Coffee Cup Cafe in Maramadue, and a member of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Louise Cable of Granite City and Fern Hewdicks of Detroit, Mich.; one son, Lillard (Buddy) Craft of Highmore, Mo.; one stepdaughter, Irene Legrand of Belleville; one stepbrother, Garland Gore of Malvern, Ark.; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Craft; parents, Elmer and Esther Terrell Clements; one son, Clayton Craft; two daughters, Mavis Craft and Alice Craft; two brothers, Charles Clements and Ben Clements; one stepdaughter, Dora Lawrence; stepbrother, Claude Gore; and one sister, Lucille Hoover.

Services were Tuesday, March 10, at Thomas Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Max Wood officiating. Burial was at Woodland Heights Cemetery in Rectol, Ark.

Memorials can be made to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Granite City.

Margaret Doak
MARGARET J. (TOLER) DOAK, 64, of Granite City died Friday, March 6, 1998. She was born Aug. 29, 1933, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Doak was a homemaker. Survivors include her mother, Bea (Dolores) Toler of St. Louis; three sons, Michael Doak of St. Louis, Kevin Doak of Glen Carbon and Thomas Doak of Granite City; one brother, Charles Toler of St. Louis; one sister, Doris Hussey of St. Louis; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Doak Sr.; her father, Fred Toler; and one son, James Doak Jr.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, March 11, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City. Burial will be at a later date in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Jerry Jordan Sr.
JERRY K. JORDAN Sr., 53, of Granite City died at 10:25 p.m. March 3, 1998, at his place of residence.

Mr. Jordan was born on Jan. 26, 1945, in Elco, Mo. He had been self-employed in construction.

Survivors include his mother, Doris (Nation) Fitch of Madison; one son, Jerry K. Jordan of Granite City; one daughter, Rhonda Osburne of Edwardsville; four grandchildren, Kenneth Jordan, Nicholas Bank, Kenneth Bank, Jr. and Ryan Nelson; four brothers, Wayne Mayes and Randy Mayes both of Granite City, Ronnie Jordan of Bunker Hill and Jody Hinnen of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Doris Fitch of Madison; former wife, Brenda Jordan-Holmes of Granite City; and best friend, Charles Ellsage of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Jordan.

Services were held on Saturday, March 7, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Wayne Mayes officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hills Cemetery.

Heuitt Degischer Jr.
HEUITT D. "SONNY" DEGISCHER Jr., 69, of Collinsville died Saturday, March 7, 1998, at Belleville Memorial Hospital. He was born April 4, 1928, in Madison.

Mr. Degischer was a member of the Lutheran Bureau and St. John Lutheran Church, and he was a thoroughbred horse trainer for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Petrovich) Degischer; two daughters, Lill Boatwright of Granite City and Pam Rogers of Collinsville; one granddaughter, Jean Rogers of Collinsville; one grandson, Brandon Boatwright of Granite City; and two brothers, Charles Degischer of Paradise, Calif., and Russell Degischer of Yuba City, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Heuitt D. Degischer Sr. and Lillian (Dorf) Degischer.

There will be no visitation. Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Anthony Cook officiating. The body will be cremated. Memorials may be made to the family. Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Several probation officers started a rainy October morning off last year by chasing after a probationer that had been taken into custody and escaped.

"What a way to start the day," said Michael Meloen, a supervisor with the 20th Judicial Circuit Court Security and Probation Department in Belleville.

Despite progress, East St. Louis still deadliest city in Illinois

By Jason White
Staff writer

Despite dramatic decreases this decade, East St. Louis still has a higher per-capita homicide rate than any of Illinois' 10 largest cities.

That's one of the conclusions of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's research on homicide trends in East St. Louis over the past two decades.

The authority also found that: Between 1980 and 1987, homicides in East St. Louis averaged 40 per year.

Homicides in East St. Louis reached a high of 63 in 1989, after the influx of crack cocaine.

Programs to address the drug problem started in 1990, and homicides decreased each year up to 1996. The 24 homicides in 1996 was the lowest since 1980. Last year, the city had 35 homicides.

The homicide rate in seven of the state's 10 largest cities increased from 1980 to 1996, while East St. Louis' rate dipped from 133.3 to 64.1 per 100,000 people. That lower rate is still twice that of Chicago, which has the state's second-highest rate.

To combat the problem, state and federal agencies funded two programs.

The East St. Louis Anti-Drug Initiative began in 1990 in response to citizen concerns. The initiative's goals were to restore faith in law enforcement and the criminal justice system, to hold officers and dealers accountable and to reduce drug-related crime.

The initiative's components included: Police units for drug-related calls, enforcement of open drug dealing and operation in high-crime areas funded through the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois.

Two assistant state's attorneys being added to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office to specialize in drug cases from East St. Louis.

with repeat offenders as a high priority. A financial investigator was added to identify assets subject to seizure.

A full-time attorney and secretary in the St. Clair County Public Defender's Office to handle drug cases and drug-related violent crime.

A probation program and additional probation officers for the county probation department, a drug abuse program and a probation supervision unit.

A community service program to relieve jail crowding through an alternative sentencing program.

In 1992, the Illinois State Police and the Attorney General's office formed the Homicide and Violent Crime Strike Force program. The program was intended to provide additional focused law enforcement resources to solve homicides.

From 1992 to 1996, the program opened 72 cases and made arrests, named suspects or obtained convictions in 45 cases. About 80 percent of 105 suspects were arrested during the period.

"These efforts had a clear impact on public opinion on public perceptions in the community," the report states. "For example, surveys of East St. Louis citizens and community leaders revealed that more than three-quarters felt that police were more visible in the area, and more than 80 percent felt that community safety had improved."

Most surveyed didn't think drug use among adults and juveniles had decreased, but the report found that detainees in the county jail testing positive for cocaine decreased from 32 percent to 25 percent from 1991 to 1995.

Copies of the studies are available from the authority, 120 Riverside Plaza, Suite 1016, Chicago, Ill. 60606.

Capture nets honors for officers

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Several probation officers started a rainy October morning off last year by chasing after a probationer that had been taken into custody and escaped.

"What a way to start the day," said Michael Meloen, a supervisor with the 20th Judicial Circuit Court Security and Probation Department in Belleville.

Meloan, along with adult probation officer Jeff Fogarty, were honored last week by the department for their efforts in stopping the probationer, a 22-year-old Jeffrey Statler, Belleville landscaper Robert Effinger was also honored for his efforts to capture the parole violator.

Officers had brought Statler in on a parole violation on Oct. 9.

Meloan and Fogarty were in separate offices in the department's building, 11 W. Lincoln St., when they heard a commotion out in the hallway and someone yelling "stop Statler can out the department's main door, with several officers in pursuit.

"We started a foot pursuit and ran a couple of blocks," Fogarty said.

The officers chased the probationer down South Illinois Street for about a block and one-half before turning west into a neighborhood. Statler

climbed over a fence about 3 feet high, with Meloan commanding him to stop.

However, Statler continued over the fence and Meloan followed behind, ending up on South Second Street.

Shortly after scaling the fence, Meloan spotted Fogarty riding in the passenger seat of a cab driven by Effinger. Effinger had been driving down West Lincoln Street, past the probation department when he spotted a cab.

Fogarty and Effinger are longtime friends, and when Effinger recognized Fogarty he asked if he needed any help. Fogarty got into the truck and Meloan, he jumped into the truck's cab.

"I'd never been in a pursuit like this before," Fogarty said. The trio temporarily lost sight of Statler but found him behind the rectory of St. Peter's Cathedral.

"He was a little surprised. I think he was spent from running," Meloan said. "By getting in the truck, we got a little bit of a second wind (Statler) figured out we were not stopping."

Statler was arrested, placed in the back of the pickup, and taken back to the probation department.

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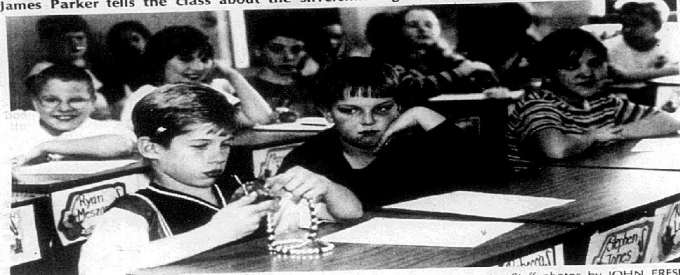
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At left, David Smith examines a chain of silver and turquoise beads while classmates Stephen Jones and Dawn Hancock wait their turn for a look. At right, a group of gemstones set on pieces of wooden dowel wait their turn for polishing.

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IN SERVICE

NATHANAEL C. MAYFIELD of Granite City has been accepted into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He was nominated by Rep. Jerry Costello.

class.

Mayfield is the son of Charles and Rhonda Mayfield, and attends Culver Military Academy. He will graduate in May and attend the Academy with the fall's incoming

JOHN A. HAHN of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army. He will take basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Ky, reporting for duty April 7.

He is the son of Lester Hahn of Alton and Sandra Hahn of Granite

City.

Navy Seaman Recruit JOSHUA D. KAHN, son of Darlene M. Hatcher of Granite City, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Kahn is a 1995 graduate of Edwardsville High School.

He is the son of Lester Hahn of Alton and Sandra Hahn of Granite

JERE L. HEUER, son of Jerry L. and Betty J. Heuer of Granite City, recently returned to his home port of San Diego after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Champlain. The tour included stops at Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and the United Arab Emirates.

Do you have a military item for this column? The Press-Record/Journal particularly wants pictures of your loved ones in action where they are serving. If possible, do not

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Be prepared to refute another's remarks. Casual meetings help future business prospects. Don't be mean to those you love most. Interruptions force you to do something over.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Older people help you, but you must follow advice exactly. Two friends are fighting—make sure you are not made the scapegoat. Trips taken on the spur of the moment are lucky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You work so fast that others may devalue your achievements. Form a group of friends to fill the emptiness you feel when your family is far away. Attend lectures and seminars.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
A hobby links you to a wealthy client. You have so much you want to say to a current love or her. Keep meaningful talk to a minimum. Question restrictions; they'll be lifted.



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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The taskmaster in you takes a break, but surprisingly enough, your overall production is as high as ever. Set a good example for children by getting work done on time. Self-discipline is easier when you have goals firmly in mind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 11)
Old love, former jobs and past opportunities return this time, on your terms. One-to-one relationships bring fabulous luck. Confidence is restored when you get promotions in late April. Politics open up a whole new world. Money comes from legacies in June and through investments made later this summer. Libras and Cancers adore you. Geminis are best in business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
In love, it takes courage to say no. You are torn between acting aggressively and taking a safe, secure route. Prolonging a decision is lucky for you. A

variety of experiences enhances romantic closeness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Talking with a former love renews all those past desires. Take preventative measures, or you may be hurt financially. Do business with relatives and their friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You can't seem to see enough of a current love. A certain degree of respect may be missing from a platonic relationship. Commitments are essential. Refuse to associate with undependable people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
There are subtle distinctions that make all the difference in a business venture. Rely on your intuitions. Older children are afraid to admit their recent problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Don't wait until it is too late to make weekend or vacation plans. Don't withdraw love from a marriage partner, no matter what the cause. Entertain tonight—you'll be a star.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There is trouble brewing with an in-law. Take a social cue from a Leo. Creativity blossoms though encouragement. You'll have no more worries about complicated family dynamics.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You are feeling very testy about a current relationship and may inadvertently hurt someone's feelings. Be completely honest, and be admired. Capricorns lend, give or help with money.



Gina Gershon and Woody Harrelson in a scene from "Palmetto."

'Palmetto' is hindered by unlikely surprises

"My judgment is as bad as ever," Harry Barber remarks amid his travails in "Palmetto." How true, how true.

Barber, played with credible intensity by Woody Harrelson, can't seem to do anything right. As the film opens, he is being released from prison after serving two years for a crime he didn't commit. He had been a reporter who exposed civic graft in a Florida town and was framed on a bribery rap.

The embittered Barber is greeted with open arms by his artist girlfriend Nina (Gina Gershon) and her mother, Harry falls prey to the seductive Rhea Malroux (Elisabeth Shue), who offers him an enticing job. She plans to extract \$500,000 from her ailing husband by faking the kidnapping of his daughter.

All Harry needs to do is make a threatening phone call and collect the ransom. His salary: \$50,000.

Any sensible person would turn down the offer. Inexplicably, Harry signs on. He leaves incriminating clues all over the map, then stumbles into duplicity and murder and ends up with a corpse in the trunk of his girlfriend's car. "Palmetto" is based on a novel by James Hadley Chase, an Englishman who wrote about American crime without having visited the United States. The film demonstrates the perils of adapting crime novels to the screen. While the writer can invent Byzantine plots, the filmmaker must present a story that is clear and believable.

German director Volker Schlöndorff made his reputation by filming such modern classics as "The Tin Drum" and "Swann in Love." He faced a challenge in attempting a film noir (he considered shooting in black and white but was dissuaded). He captures

the ambience of Florida's sultry Gulf Coast and exacts good performances from a top-caliber cast.

But the appeal of the film is hindered by unlikely surprises. It also is hampered by the central figure, a born loser. Filmgoers expect their heroes to exhibit some mastery over the bad guys. Harry seems to be working his way back to the slammer.

Harrelson has perfected the antihero, and he conveys all of Harry's perplexity. Shue seems to be trying to out-vamp Sharon Stone. She is stunning, as is Chloë Sevigny as her equally alluring stepdaughter.

"Palmetto" is a Columbia Pictures release of a Castle Rock Entertainment production, produced by Matthias Wendlandt and Al Corley and written by E. Max Frye. Running time: 112 minutes. —Associated Press

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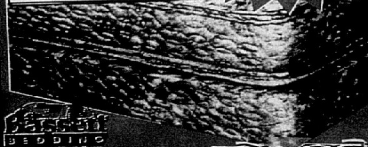
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Section B

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Art
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Linking Indiana to East Side

Since Indiana is our neighbor, I thought I'd pass along a few observations, and if you are patient, I'll tie them to the East St. Louis school board decision to close Lincoln High and move its students to the East St. Louis Senior High School building.

No need to dwell upon the recent actions of Indiana men's basketball coach Bob Knight in a home defeat to the University of Illinois. By now, you should be aware the Big Ten Conference had the opportunity to discipline "The General" for his actions related to three technical fouls and an ejection amassed while berating referee Ted Valentine.

The point is that if you think pro athletes should be role models, it's about time the same level of recognition be placed on the collegiate folks. In Indiana, you'd think the state university, for instance, would be a role model for high schools, but that's not necessarily the case, as I see it, and all fingers do not point to Knight.

Earlier in the basketball season, I had occasion to watch my daughter Beth play for Evansville's women's team against Indiana. Little did I know that one of the Hoosiers was facing a court trial for breaking a beer bottle across a woman's face during a scuffle last summer in a Keokuk, Iowa, tavern.

The player, 20-year-old junior guard Dani Thrush, was sentenced to two years in prison with all but 30 days suspended and also fined \$1,500 in addition to having to pay \$368 in restitution to the woman whose face required 16 stitches.

Amazingly, the district judge ruled that Thrush would not have to serve the sentence until after the spring semester — a fact that allowed Indiana to use her in all of its games this season.

While that may seem insignificant — even though Thrush had a hand in an upset of the nationally ranked University of Illinois women — no one seemed to mind that the playmaker had received two years probation in 1994 for breaking another woman's nose in a fight.

With such events making the news for Indiana, who can be surprised by the recent actions at Martinsville, Ind., High where that school's nationally ranked boys basketball team has been sanctioned for a racial incident.

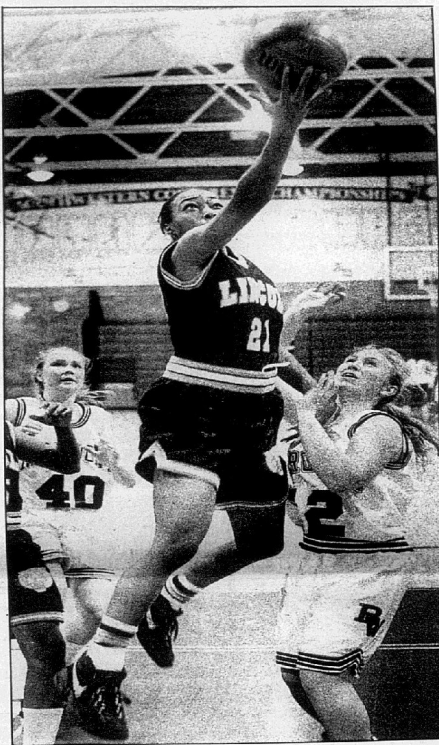
Before, during and after a game against Bloomington North, racial slurs were directed at the visiting team, which also had to endure having bird seed thrown onto the court.

Although Martinsville won the game, 11 of its students were disciplined and the school has been prohibited from playing a home game in any sport until February, 1999. In addition to the Conference Indiana ruling, the state association placed the central Indiana school on probation.

Such action should remind students and persons everywhere that they must be aware of the consequence of their actions. In East St. Louis, that should be the first message when the students from Lincoln enter the hallways of East Side where, if the merge is handled properly, that school should become a state power in several sports.

If the former Lincoln students and the incoming freshmen (East Side will become a four-year high school) can blend, they can become an example that can do far more than promote community service.

Tigerettes settle for second place



LaKeisha Cole helped East St. Louis Lincoln in its drive to a state runner-up finish in the IHSA Class AA girls basketball tournament.

(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Wilmette Loyola holds off Lincoln

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The dream ended Saturday night at Redbird Arena in Normal as the East St. Louis Lincoln Tigerettes lost 62-48 to Wilmette Loyola Academy in the championship game of the IHSA Class AA girls basketball tournament.

Lincoln, which had dashed the dreams of 1997 Class AA runner-up Taylorville and tournament newcomers Quincy and Orland Park Sandburg, was playing its last game in school history. Lincoln and East Side will merge prior to the 1999-00 school season.

"The merger is something we've tried not to talk about or think about too much," said Lincoln coach Charles McDonald. "We came down here with a goal of getting a chance to play for the championship."

The Tigerettes had their chance. Led by the hot-shooting LaKeisha Cole, Lincoln vaulted to a surprising 10-4 lead at the 4:26 mark of the first quarter. But the Ramblers closed the quarter on a 13-2 run to take a 17-12 lead after eight minutes.

Loyola's lead ballooned to 24-14 at 6:20 to play in the second quarter on the strength of a six-minute, 20-4 run. Lincoln countered with baskets by Syretha Eckford and Rita Adams, but the Ramblers were in front 31-18 just 1 1/2 minutes later.

The Tigerettes closed to within six (31-25) with 2:00 left in the second quarter, but a 7-2 Ramblers run put Loyola in front 38-27 at the

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half. Loyola opened the second half with an 8-4 surge, pulling within 42-37 with 4:09 remaining in the third quarter. But, riding the eight points of All-American Olga Gvozdenovic, Loyola roared back to grab a 51-43 edge with one quarter to play.

The Tigerettes struck first in the fourth frame, drawing within 51-46, but the Ramblers ran off seven unanswered points, moving ahead 58-46 and all but ending Lincoln's dream season.

LaKeisha Cole had 22 points for Lincoln, while backcourt partner Rita Adams scored 16 points, dished out three assists, and recorded a pair of steals. Syretha Eckford pulled down nine rebounds.

For the defending Class AA Ramblers, who have only one senior on the roster and will return four starters for next season, Gvozdenovic scored a title-game-high 23 points, hauled in 10 boards and blocked two shots in a dominating performance. Jeanette Paukert, the lone senior for Loyola, netted 18 points and handed out a game-high seven assists.

Lincoln shot a very respectable 500 from the field for the game. Lincoln shot a very respectable 33-46 for the game, but was a frigid 3-of-18 (16.7) from 3-point range.

(See CHAMPIONSHIP, Page 3B)

... but Quincy, Sandburg could not

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The dream nearly came true. East St. Louis Lincoln, making a run at the girls Class AA state basketball title in the last year of the school's existence, reached Saturday's title tilt with back-to-back wins over Quincy and Orland Park Sandburg.

Lincoln met defending Class AA champion Wilmette Loyola Academy for the championship (see related story). The Ramblers edged undefeated, top-ranked Chicago Marshall 62-50, hitting more of 10 free throws in the game's last 48 seconds.

The Tigerettes, who had faced Taylorville's All-American Allison Curtin in Tuesday's last 16 game, took the game to the better part of three quarters. Their ball press forced the Tigerettes into 12 turnovers and held the normally hot-shooting Lincoln to an anemic 7-of-23 shooting (30.4) from the field.

Kipping, who scored 13 of her 23 points in the first half, helped the Blue Devils lead the game point early in the second quarter. The lead was still seven (24-17) at the half. But Lincoln came out sizzling in the third

quarter, outscoring Quincy 19-15 to draw within 39-36. The Tigerettes hit 14 of 23 field goals (60.9) in the second.

"That was the difference right there," said Quincy coach Tom Berry. "They made them when they needed to down the stretch."

Lincoln coach Charles McDonald felt the difference in shooting between the first and second half was simply a matter of relaxation.

"Once we got them to relax, settle down and do what we normally do against the press, we were all right," McDonald said. "Our shooting started to click and our play picked up at both ends of the floor."

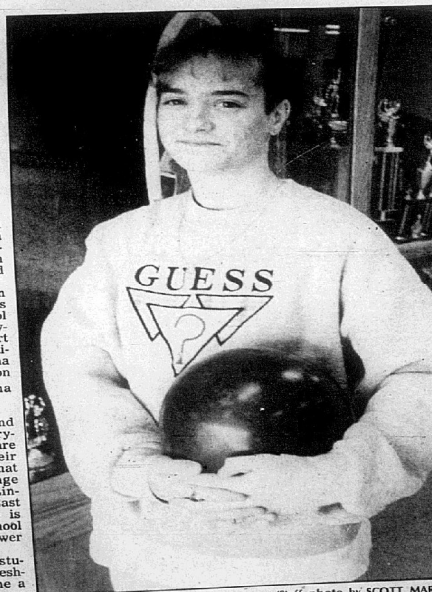
Lincoln caught Quincy in the first minute of the fourth quarter and the lead was tied or changed hands 13 times in the final 10 minutes. Finally, LaKeisha Cole's 12-foot jumper with 46 seconds to play broke a 49-49 tie and gave the Tigerettes the lead they would never lose.

Lincoln scored five points from the line inside the game's final 20 seconds to ice the 56-49 win. "My blood pressure medicine is still at the hotel," said McDonald. "I give the girls credit for making an adjustment at halftime and basically putting their nose to the grindstone and doing what had to be done."

Adams finished with 23 points and four

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Wesclin's Tubb had big rookie season in prep bowling



Wesclin senior Christie Tubb placed fourth in the IHSA state meet, averaging 203 for 12 games.

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Christie Tubb was a first-year bowler in a 2-year-old Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference, but she helped put the young league on the map.

A senior at Wesclin High School, Tubb placed fourth at the IHSA girls state tournament Feb. 14-15 at Cherry Bowl in Rockford. She averaged 203 for 12 games in becoming the first Metro East bowler to crack the top 10 at state. Tubb, chosen as the Female Bowler of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, won the sectional (Feb. 7 at St. Clair Bowl) with a 201 average and led the league with a 188 average during the regular season. She didn't bowl for Wesclin as a junior.

"Last year, I was involved with a lot of other leagues and I was too busy, but this was my senior year and I decided to go out for the team," Tubb said. "It worked out really well and I had a lot of fun."

"I didn't know what to expect. I just kind of take it as it comes. I wasn't really surprised by what I did, but it just took a lot of hard work. (O'Fallon's) Brandi Goforth and (Belle-ville East's) Michelle Bryant led (the league in scoring) most of the year, so it was a challenge."

"I had bowled on teams before — that's mainly what I do. The girls on the team were great and the guys were great, too."

Tubb may have been a SIHSC rookie, but she's hardly a newcomer to the sport of bowling.

"I've been bowling since I was 7. Having fun out there is all that matters to me," said Tubb, a former New Baden resident who moved to O'Fallon last November. "My dad (Mark) is retired military and we moved to Scott (Air Force Base) when I was 5. We lived there for six years."

"My parents started bowling in leagues when they moved here and now my dad manages a bowling alley (Wood River Bowl). He still bowls a couple nights a week in leagues and my mom (Linda) also bowls in a couple leagues. They got me and my brother (James, 20) involved, and it's the only sport we're in."

"I started out in leagues pretty early, but for a while I needed a break and I didn't bowl that much. Last year I got back into it. I haven't

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First Team

Renee Koenig, Belleville East
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Michelle Bryant, Belleville East
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picked up a ball since state, but I needed to relax for a while and I had to go back to work (at Steak 'n Shake in O'Fallon)."

Consistency and an ability to adapt to lane conditions lift Tubb a notch above most prep bowlers in the area.

"When I was little, my dad worked with me, but as I got older, my brother worked with me," she said. "Lately it's been kind of my own thing. With all the technology today, different balls do different things, and you have to know how to adjust."

"That's one thing I have on a lot of other girls. I've bowled in a lot of tournaments in St. Louis and every place you go is different, and you have to get used to them."

"I enjoy bowling in the tournaments. I've made a lot of friends all over the place. It's really good experience because I want to bowl in college."

Tubb, who plans to major in elementary education, hasn't decided which college she will attend.

"I was up at state and the father of one of the girls who bowls for Central Missouri State gave me some information," Tubb said. "The coach at Purdue talked to my mom."

"I haven't decided whether I want to go away or stay around here, but I don't think there are any (college bowling teams) in the immediate area. I'm leaning toward Central Missouri State at this time."

Tubb isn't overly impressed with her state tournament performance. "It's a pretty good accomplishment, but it means more to other people than it does to me," she said. "For me, it was just another day of bowling."

"Bowling is very mental — you have to put your mind to it and think about what you're doing. I was pretty nervous (at state), but I had a lot of support. You just have to realize you're there to do the best you can."

SPORTS

•Championship

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"I feel we could have played better, but Loyola just played a very good game," said McDonald. "Their two big girls are excellent players. We tried to keep off the blocks as much as we could, but they did a very good job."

Ramblers coach Tanya Johnson praised her players after the game. "Olga has the heart of a lion. She will not be denied," said Johnson. "I admire all these kids, and the way they play. They are cool, and it keeps me calm. They achieved an awful lot and had a tough road. They've done a great job of representing all the teams in our sectional."

•Two wins

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assists. Cole had 15 points, four assists and two steals.

In Saturday's semifinals against Orland Park Sandburg, the Tigerettes had an easier time, taking an 11-6 first quarter lead and never looking back. The score was 26-19 at the half, and when Lincoln's defense held Sandburg to only 12 second half points, the Tigerettes had their first trip to the championship game since 1991.

Lincoln slammed Sandburg 54-31. "We cleared up some cobwebs and dusted the gray matter out a little bit from (Friday)," said McDonald. "We played a little better. I'm happy with the win."

Adams scored 22 points for the Tigerettes. Cole netted 11 and Syretha Eckford grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

For the losers, Sarah Kostok, with 10 points, was the only player in double digits.

The Lincoln defense held Sandburg to 23 percent shooting from the field, allowing its opponent only 11 field goals for the game.

"We've lived and died by the outside shot,"

Gvozdenovic gave some of the credit for the win to the Ramblers experience in last year's championship game. "Having played in (the championship game) last year gave us an edge," she said. "Knowing what it's like gave us an edge. (Lincoln) hadn't been here for a while (1991), and we've been in that situation."

Loyola may well be in the same in same situation again next year, returning four starters and a host of state tournament experienced players. The Ramblers finished 36-1, setting a state record for wins by a girls team in one season.

Lincoln, which finished 28-3, will not be back next year—at least, not as Lincoln High School. But the Tigerettes' last year was truly a memorable one.

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— Charles McDonald
Lincoln coach
on semifinal victory

said Sandburg coach Gary Bonk. "When they're not falling, we're going to struggle. Against a team like Lincoln, we're going to lose."

McDonald was pleased with the play of the Tigerettes, as he was with his first championship game appearance as head coach. McDonald was an assistant on the two other Lincoln teams to reach the title game (1990 and '91).

BASKETBALL BOX SCORES

QUARTERFINAL						SEMIFINAL						CHAMPIONSHIP					
East St. Louis Lincoln 56, Quincy 49						East St. Louis Lincoln 54, Orland Park Sandburg 31						Wilmette Loyola 52, East St. Louis Lincoln 48					
Lincoln	FG	3pt	FT	Reb	Pts	Lincoln	FG	3pt	FT	Reb	Pts	Lincoln	FG	3pt	FT	Reb	Pts
Rita Adams	3	0	2	2	8	Lincoln	11	0	2	11	22	Loyola	11	0	2	11	22
Kyatta Walker	3	0	3	9	9	Kyatta Walker	1	0	0	0	2	Kyatta Walker	1	0	0	0	2
Monica Powell	0	0	0	0	0	Monica Powell	0	0	0	0	0	Monica Powell	0	0	0	0	0
Syretha Eckford	1	0	1	11	3	Syretha Eckford	0	0	0	0	0	Syretha Eckford	0	0	0	0	0
Latasha Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	Latasha Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	Latasha Hunter	0	0	0	0	0
Latasha Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	Kristin King	0	0	0	0	0	Loyola	12	3	3	22	30
Totals	21	0	6	22	19	Latasha Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	Loyola	7	3	3	22	30
Quincy	10	0	11	11	49	Quincy Stephens	23	1	7	54	Totals	10	3	3	22	30	
Tina Kipping	10	0	0	0	20	Sandburg	10	0	2	2	22	Loyola	7	3	3	22	30
Morgan Anderson	1	0	0	0	2	Sarah Kostok	2	0	2	2	6	Loyola	1	0	0	0	2
Andre Dorcas	2	0	0	0	4	Tracy Hoffmann	1	0	0	0	2	Loyola	1	0	0	0	2
Jamie Lowery	2	0	0	0	4	Tracy Hoffmann	1	0	0	0	2	Loyola	1	0	0	0	2
Reathie Hillbreaner	1	0	0	0	2	Kim Kestel	1	0	0	0	2	Loyola	1	0	0	0	2
J. Borkenricher	2	0	0	0	4	Kate Hertz	1	0	0	0	2	Loyola	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	20	0	9	49	49	Totals	11	0	2	2	22	Loyola	1	0	0	0	2
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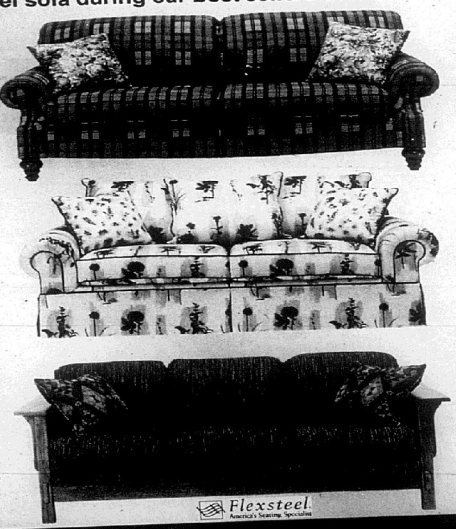
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Members of the Cahokia Squirt B hockey team are (from left to right): In front — Ryan Mercer, Ryan Jones, Brandon Lybarger, Nick Stevens, Ralph Wofford; Second row — Jared Gustavison, Ray Champ, Steve Jones, Alex Skora, Jason McKeown; In back — coach Larry Skora, Dane Schickedanz, David Lawrence, Dale Thornton, Justin Adams, Chris Leeling, assistant coach Mark McKeown, assistant coach Mark Lawrence.

Cahokia Squirt B team honored

The Cahokia Squirt "B" hockey team is the latest local hockey team to be recognized in the Suburban Journals partnership with the St. Louis Blues.

The program honors local youth hockey teams in each of the Journals and also recognizes outstanding teams from throughout the St. Louis area at Kiel Center when the St. Louis Blues are playing at home. Each team receives a picture printed in the Journal and will receive tickets to an upcoming Blues game.

The Cahokia Squirt B team is coached by Larry Skora with assistance from Mark McKeown and Mark Lawrence. Players on the team are

Ryan Mercer, Ryan Jones, Brandon Lybarger, Nick Stevens, Ralph Wofford, Jared Gustavison, Ray Champ, Steve Jones, Alex Skora, Jason McKeown, Dane Schickedanz, David Lawrence, Dale Thornton, Justin Adams and Chris Leeling.

Through the first 18 games of the season, the Cahokia Squirt B team had a record of 9-6-3.

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Collinsville's Carson joins Lancers duo on first team

The following bowlers, all qualifiers for the IHSA state tournament, join Westlin's Christie Tubb on the All-Journal bowling first team.

Renee Koenig, Belleville East — The senior averaged a score of 177 during the regular season for 24 games. At the sectional, she bowled 133 for six games and placed second to qualify for the state tournament.

Jenny Carson, Collinsville — The sophomore finished third at the girls sectional tournament to qualify for the state tournament.

Carson finished the season with a 164 average in 36 games. She turned in third-highest scratch series (634) and the fourth-highest scratch

Game (248) in the SHSBC. "Overall, Jenny had a great season," Collinsville coach Brad Taylor said. "She has been consistent all year. It took her a while to get going in our earlier matches but by the end year she was bowling her best and she qualified for state. That Saturday at sectional there were no holes in her game at all. You started to expect her to throw a good shot every time."

Michelle Bryant, Belleville East — Another key member of a balanced Lancers squad, the sophomore carried a 183 regular-season average for 24 games. She placed fourth at sectional with a score of 115 and qualified for state.

Brandi Goforth, O'Fallon — A sophomore, Goforth aver-

aged 182 for the regular season.

"She bowled extremely well in the sectional and had a 1,097 (for six games), which qualified her for state as an individual," said Panthers coach Rich Bickel. "She had some rough sledding at Rockford and struggled with the lane conditions, but it will help her out in the future. She had a 216 game and showed the ability to adjust, but she just wasn't able to put it together for six games. I'm sure she'll go back next year."

"Brandi started bowling when she was 5 years old in youth leagues at St. Clair Bowl, and she's been bowling ever since. She didn't try out for the season last year, so she was kind of a wild card this year because I didn't know much about her."

"She was so impressive from the beginning. She stays relaxed and she's remarkably consistent."

Stacy Evancso, Althoff — The freshman may have been the most unlikely member of the first team. But when it counted the most, she bowled her best.

"She was the anchor person on our JV team and was only a JV bowler for the whole regular season," said Althoff coach Margue Schwartz. "She didn't participate on the varsity until the sectional, when we required a fifth bowler. That's when she bowled 1,081 for six games) and qualified for state as an individual."

"At state, she averaged 150 for six games. She was not happy with that, but for a freshman in her first time out with the whole gamut of competition, she did quite well."

Second team

Nesley Eller, Mascoutah; Becky Greene, Mascoutah; Michele Hunter, Belleville East; Erin Pigars, Belleville East; Sharon Fischer, Belleville East; Jenny Williams, Belleville East; Collinville, Jennifer Probst, Gibault; Genin Onofrey, Metro East; Audra Reznick, O'Fallon; Jenessa O'Fallon; Lisa Milgrim, Edwardsville; Angella Carille, Gibault; Carrie Boer, Freeburg; Colleen McCullis, Lebanon; Stacia Shaver, Mascoutah.

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NEWS

Clerical worker makes news friends with second career

In 1975, Viola Lasco was ready for retirement. After serving 21 years as cafeteria manager at Emge School in Belleville, Lasco was ready to shelve her trays and dish towels for the good life.

However, after only one year, Lasco realized that retirement wasn't all it's cracked up to be.

"I got tired of washing and scrubbing and cleaning at home," she said.

So, in 1976, Lasco embarked on her second career as a clerical worker for Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons.

"I started over on Third Street (PSOP's former office location), across from the hospital," she said. "One of my first big projects was working on the PSOP cookbook. Another lady and I typed in all the recipes."

Twenty-one years later, she is still with PSOP and going strong, working two days a week, and loving every minute of her job.

"This is a good place to work. I get to make a lot of new friends, and I get to meet older friends that I haven't

seen in years," Lasco said.

With her friendliness, concern for others and hard work, Lasco exemplifies the thousands of PSOP employees and volunteers who have served the senior citizens of the Belleville Area College district over 25 years.

PSOP is observing its 25th anniversary in 1998 with special activities planned throughout the year.

Longtime PSOP staff members praised the determination, vision and foresight of the agency's first and only director, Gene Verdu.

"They say that eagles are known for their great vision. Well, Gene Verdu is the eagle of PSOP. It would not be what it is today without his vision and dreams," said Sharon Hamilton, director of the Senior AIDES program and former director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program from 1975-84.

Hamilton returned last year as Senior AIDES director. "Gene is one of the main reasons I came back."

About one-third of the PSOP staff has worked for the agency for more than 15 years,

Verdu said.

"I think that tells you something about the type of dedicated people who have working here in a field that isn't exactly a financially lucrative one," he said.

Verdu remembered the early days of PSOP in August 1973. When asked if he is surprised at the agency's vast growth over the years, he replied, "That's a hard question to answer."

"In some ways, I am not surprised. This was part of a dream, part of a plan, to create a central focal point where senior citizens could come and receive services and obtain information. However, certainly didn't imagine there would be so many services as we offer today."

To illustrate PSOP's growth, Verdu mentioned that in its first year, only one program, RSVP, was in operation, with only three staff members. The agency budget totaled \$44,000.

Today, PSOP operates 15 programs, serving about 12,000 residents in Madison, Monroe, Randolph and St. Clair counties. PSOP employs 18 full-

time and 65 part-time staff members, Verdu said. The agency has created many programs in recent years to meet the changing needs of its clients.

"Years ago, we served primarily those between the ages of 60 and 75," Verdu said. "Now, our age range is from 60 to 108, so we've had to segment that into three groups: 55 to 65, 65 to 80, and those older than 80."

PSOP also serves residents younger than 55 who have spe-

cial needs, he said. "That population represents about 20 percent of the total number of people we serve."

Verdu acknowledged the tremendous support and cooperation that PSOP has received over the past 25 years from not only BAC but also from civic, community and government officials.

PSOP's success is known not only in Southwestern Illinois but across the state and nation.

"There have been four White

House Conferences on Aging since 1974, and Gene has been invited to every one of them," said Vicki Rose, director of PSOP's Senior Companion program.

"I would say we were the model for several programs," Verdu said. "Up until about five or six years ago, we got calls from across the country."

The bottom line to PSOP's success is the kind manner in which all of its clients are treated, Verdu said.

Funding board will advise Assembly

The General Assembly in December passed extensive reform measures that will affect every aspect of Illinois' public education system, including education programs, teacher certification and major funding issues.

Appropriations were approved to fund school construction projects and other capital projects in districts that meet enrollment criteria and demonstrate a sufficient level of need.

Legislation also was approved establishing a specific foundation level of per-pupil funding considered to be necessary for students to receive an "adequate" elementary and secondary education.

Supplemental appropriations for the current year will bring districts up to a foundation level of \$4,100 per student.

The level will increase to \$4,225 in 1999, \$4,325 in 2000 and \$4,425 in 2001.

In subsequent years, the General Assembly will determine the appropriate foundation level with advice from a newly created Funding Advisory Board.

The supplemental funding also provides low-income grants to assist schools with high concentrations of pupils living in poverty, and adequate funding to schools that under the new formula, would receive less than their current amount.

The old formula weighted students according to grade level with elementary students counting as 1.0, middle and junior high students as 1.05 and high school students as 1.25.

The new formula does not weigh students differently, so every student counts as 1.0. The new formula also makes changes in the definition of available local resources, which is used to calculate a

district's allocation of state aid.

Supplemental state funding provided for the current school year totals \$114.9 million, which includes about \$40 million in supplemental general state aid, \$65 million in adequacy grants and \$10 million in low-income grants.

Twelve districts will receive in excess of \$1 million. Low-income grants are distributed to districts with high concentrations of low-income students as determined by the 1990 U.S. Census.

Recipients of supplemental funds include 900 public school districts, 23 alternative schools and two laboratory schools.

Expert says sprawl must be stopped

By Dennis Grubaugh
Telegraph staff writer

Anyone who has ever watched fertile farmland become a sea of fast-food restaurants would appreciate the message of Edward T. McMahon.

"I can take you and air drop you into any place in America, and it all looks exactly the same. Despite all efforts, the special character of our cities and countryside has been disappearing faster than ever."

McMahon tackled the thorny issue of conservation versus development Wednesday during a two-hour speech and slide show at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He was keynote speaker for the daylong seventh annual Urban Erosion and Water Management Conference sponsored by the Great Rivers Alliance of Natural Resource Districts.

Audience members, including community planners and employees of soil and conservation districts, smiled knowingly at the comments of McMahon, who characterizes himself as pro conservation and development. He is director of the Conservation Fund's America Greenways Program in Takoma Park, Md.

Growth is so uncontrolled in most communities that people are resigned to what they are getting instead of establishing guidelines, he said.

He showed what some communities have been able to do by using examples of recently built McDonald's restaurants. Some feature the standards McDonald's demands, and some have been placed in historic buildings to blend with the environment.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Church

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2101 Cleveland Blvd., holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. Sunday School, 2001 Namecki Road; Two Sunday worship services, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone is welcome.

GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by youth minister, 8 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at Namecki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2101 Cleveland Blvd., holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and has preschool available. Morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone welcome.

NIEDRINGHAUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Prayer Meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Nursery Available. Everyone is welcome.

JESUS EVERY THURSDAY (JETS), led by the music director, is for kids 3 to 11 years old. Meets from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursdays. Music/Bible study and fun at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar. Mom's Bible study and share group meets at the same time as children. For more information, call 877-4555.

FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP, 3550 Horseshoe Lake Road, has Sunday service and Children's Church at 10:30 a.m., Monday Night Miracle Service at 7 p.m., Wednesday night service at 7 p.m., and Wednesday night youth service at 7 p.m. Full Gospel Fellowship invites all to attend and enjoy power-packed services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRANITE CITY Lenten Bible study at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays March 4 through April 1 at 2150 Delmar Ave. For more information, call 452-1100.

HOLY FAMILY holds Lenten Fish Fries from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday now through April 10 at 2606 Washington Ave. Fish Fries will be held in the community center cafeteria. Plates and sandwiches served. Carry-outs available.

Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION

GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. the fifth Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 regular monthly board meeting is 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, at 5123 Maryville Road, 931-0521.

MADISON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES holds monthly meetings at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Madison City Hall, 615 Madison Ave.

Dance

MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB (MUSIC) regular monthly meeting is held every Sunday evening at the American Legion in Collinsville. Nonmembers welcome. Dance lessons from beginning to advance are given from 8 to 8 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

BOOTS & SLIPPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, square dance lessons, 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$2.50 per person, per lesson. For more information, call 787-6528 or 344-4898.

Food/Nutrition

MEALS OF LOVE, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association, Free meals to anyone in need. Every Tuesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m., at Second Baptist Church, 21st and Illinois streets, Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

POLISH PIEROGI SALE, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 520 Reynolds, Madison, 9 a.m. to noon, first Saturday of each month. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, meat, potato, sausage and kraut, plum pudding and taco. Carry-outs only. \$6 per dozen. Cooked and ready to eat and eat. Also Chrulicki and rosollet. Order ahead by calling 876-5860, 876-3696, or 931-3367.

RESCUE MISSION, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY COUNTRY BREAKFAST, 8 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at 2001 St. Clair Ave. Eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, homemade gravy and jellies, coffee and orange juice. Meals are \$4 for

adults, \$2 for children. Call 451-7788 for more information.

GRANITE CITY FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 12th and Edwardsville Road, hot meals served free of charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need or those who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9635.

Health/Exercise

Bemis Chiropractic, 3361 Fehling Road in Granite City, is offering FREE ELECTRONIC SPINAL SCREENINGS from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday. Call 876-2273 for more information.

TOPS 2363, 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2009 Edwards St. For more information call Bobbie at 452-0273.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2009 Edwards.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 8 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City, Call 876-2124.

TOPS IL 645, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2009 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-0102. Men and women welcome.

TOPS 1699, (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2009 Edwards St., call 787-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS IL 2417, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Calvary Lutheran Church of God, 1205 W. Pontoon. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Ann at 452-6102.

ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM is presenting a talk entitled, "Ethnic Diversity and Alcohol," at 7:30 p.m. March 17. The speaker will be Warren Neal of the Behavioral Health System, and will be held in the Wesman Room at SEMC. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 789-3698.

MADISON COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE HEALTH CARE SERVICES offers the following each week at 500 Madison Ave. in Madison: Watskin pregnancy testing and prescription refills, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays; family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; STD screening

and treatment, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 452-8394 for appointments or more information.

Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, meets at Granite City Township Hall second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP of Central Christian Church meets at 8:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information and/or location of meetings call 931-2098.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, dinner at 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

SINGLES ALIVE, a Christian singles group, will meet next for dinner at Lone Star Steak House in O'Fallon. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Roxana Nazarene Church to carpool. Call Erma at 259-2677, Bob at 876-7435 or Beverly at 254-9507.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every month at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3085 for more information.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA, meet at 7:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2209.

THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet at 9:30 a.m. the third

Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

LYDIA CIRCLE of Namecki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at 931-1936.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month, except July, at the Namecki Methodist Church, 1902 Pontoon Road.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets the last Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at Ravanelli's Restaurant.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Namecki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m., first Friday of each month, at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7396, and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION SOCIETY, 8 p.m., second Friday of each month, Granite City, 876-7715.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., third Monday of each month. Call Beverly Zager, 254-9394.

ELKETTIES, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, 931-3557, 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Granite City unit, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 876-7028 or 931-3735.

TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Washburn Ave., Granite City.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157 (4 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6026 or 344-2888.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NARFE) Chapter 1087's meetings for the months of February and March have been changed. The group will meet the second Thursday of these months, at 11:30 a.m., at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-8450, or 452-3266.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-5808, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #43 meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

The Troy/Maryville/Collinsville chapter of **BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L (BN)** meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, please call Lisa at 687-9340.

BURT - BUBBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 4904 Old Alton Road next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment, 931-8317 or write to the above address.

MADISON COUNTY FAMILY ALLIANCE will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Miloski's Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. For information, call 462-4863, extension 104.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., every Tuesday, 9459 Rosan Place, St. John, Mo. 63114. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melanie McManus at 429-0076.

Seniors

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS, meets the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., Potluck, Social Center, 306 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

ATTENTION MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES—Come and hear how Advantage can give you complete health care coverage. You are invited to hear a presentation every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Ponton Beach Senior Center, 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

EAGLE PARK ACRES SENIORS OF MADISON meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2905 Edwards.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHLE CLUB for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Ponton Road. Call 877-0250 for more information.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month, 5 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

GRANITE CITY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB meets at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Doors open at 2 p.m. March 15 for the next bingo and games. For information, call 877-1215.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS, meeting, third Tuesday of each

month, 7 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

Support Groups

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, for patients, their families and caregivers, 6:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, in Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3018 for more information.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3018.

The **C.H.U.R.C.H.-OUTREACH INC.** meets 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night at True Fellowship M.B. Church, 1641 3rd St. in Madison. The church is an outreach program designed to support its community in the struggle with drug control. All meetings are confidential. For more information, call 877-TRUE.

AL-ANON, 9:30 a.m. every Monday, 1115 Edison (side door) in Granite City. Call 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

AL-ANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center Room A. Call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Ponton Road, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP, meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month. For information on when meeting will be held, call Elaine Searcy at 462-2714 or Lyle Cumberly at 876-2382.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP meets from 7 to 8 p.m., third Thursday of each month, in Pascal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Call 797-2780 or 451-0728 for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., third Thursday of each month, in the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., every Thursday, Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m., every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

AL-ANON, 7 p.m. every Thursday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center Day Care room C. Call 463-2429.

ALATEEN and PREALATEEN PROGRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and prelateen to 11 year age group, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100

Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center conference room A. Call 463-2429.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month (September through May) at St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville. Call 465-1463.

HEREDITARY ATAXIA (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) **SUPPORT GROUP** meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Call Curt Williams, 877-6172, for information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon and 8 p.m., every Friday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

STEMS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety). A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets every Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3604 for more information.

DEPRESSIVE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, in the Miloski Center, Room located in the basement. For more information call the DMDA office at (314) 776-3959.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER

TER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the first and third Saturday of each month, at 1307 Madison Avenue, Madison, 9:30 to 11 a.m., to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken"—at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

OBSSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the third Saturday of each month, at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 South New Ballas Road, 10 a.m. Meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information call (314) 942-7228.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Saturday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Acceptance, 8 p.m. every Saturday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Sunday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Live the Steps, 8 p.m. every Sunday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Sunday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pascal Hall, main floor, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 3 to 4:30 p.m., third Sunday

of each month, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City. The group, men only, will meet in the church's Terrace Room, enter through the Fellowship Hall door on the east side of the building. There is no charge. For more information, phone Roger Zollars, any evening, at 656-5438.

MADISON COUNTY PATIENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS meets the fourth Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Ponton Road in Granite City. For more information, call 931-2157.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., fourth Monday of each month, Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RELAPSE PREVENTION group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive in Edwardsville. The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety. For more information, call 798-3958.

NEGLECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Call 682-2187 for details.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP, 1 to 3 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, President's Room, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3458.

ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF MADISON COUNTY, (AMI) meets the first Tuesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mental Health Clinic, 50 Industrial Drive, Granite City. For information call 798-3004.

CUPFUL/ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet at Market Avenue Church of God, 1505 in East St. Louis every fourth Saturday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (314) 888-6031.

BETTER BREATHERS, support group of those with chronic lung condition, second Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m., Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3118.

MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 10 to 9 a.m., Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, second Tuesday of each month, 798-3510.

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP, sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m. the second of each month, Memorial Hospital auditorium, Belleville 233-7750, extension 5860.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149 or (314) 391-2230.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Nameoki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. (See CALENDAR, Page 7)

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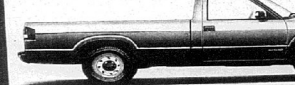
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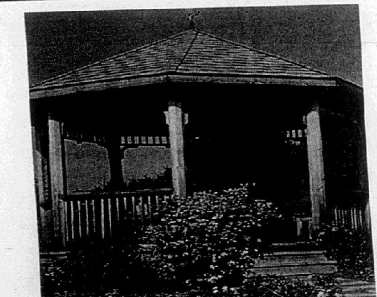
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NEWS

Travelers hear wet tales about Portugal



Spelling bee winners

Venice Elementary School held its Eleventh Annual Spelling Bee on Jan. 15. The winner of the bee was seventh-grader Venesha Turner, the daughter of Alfred and Stephanie Turner Jr. The runner-up was sixth-grader Shekita Hilton, daughter of Samuel and Jennifer Hilton. Venesha will represent Venice Elementary in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Howard-Spinks Spelling Bee on Saturday at the St. Louis Art Museum.

Travelers Abroad held its February dinner meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria with 23 members present. Alice Purdes welcomed the group and conducted the drawings for two winners of Dinner for two at Jerry's Cafeteria.

Barbara Williams presented the program for the evening on the Madeira Island, Portugal, and the city of Santiago, Spain.

Flying through Detroit to get to New York, the travelers experienced much rain and wind; the rain accompanied them throughout the entire two weeks.

Landing in Lisbon on a Sunday morning, they transferred to another plane which took them to the island of Madeira, about 600 miles southwest of Portugal. Two small minivans met the travelers and took them to their hotel.

The following day a young lady showed up who was to be their guide for the time they were on Madeira. An interesting trip by minibus to the general market involved strange fruits and beautiful flowers as well as a trip through the meat area. Seeing eels dangling over a road and a huge tuna being sliced up for sale did not appeal to the visitors.

Traveling on to Monte, about 10 miles away, they went to the area where "sledge" rides are popular. The sledge is made of wicker and resembles a large cushioned two-person chair. It is controlled by two locals who stand behind the seated visitors. The trip downhill from Monte to Funchal (the capital of Madeira) took about 15 minutes.

The next day they took a trip across the island to Porto Moniz. They passed through a village where Winston Churchill often spent his summers and also visited a village where Christopher Columbus studied navigational theories. Houses were built on this island as early as 1425.

Returning to Portugal, the travelers changed planes in Lisbon and flew on to Porto (Oporto) where they were met at the airport by another minibus with a guide and driver who accompanied them for the remaining 10 days of their trip. Their first destination was Santiago de Compostela, a city in Spain about 200 miles north of Porto.

Santiago (the Spanish name for James) is a city that, since the middle ages, has been a destination for religious pilgrimages.

The beautiful cathedral there was built in the 1100s. The city ranks with Jerusalem and Rome as pilgrimage sites. Despite the periodic rain, the tourists visited the cathedral and were then allowed to explore. Umbrellas and nylon jackets were sufficient even though this was November.

After crossing the border between Spain and Portugal, they stopped in Barcelos, where the symbol of Portugal, a cock, originated. Throughout the country, one would find this bird in all sizes and colors in the country. It is seen on all types of linens, as well as pottery.

Proceeding to Porto, they inched along in rush-hour traffic for almost an hour before they reached an exit near their

hotel. Porto is the second-largest city in Portugal and its noted for its beautiful granite buildings. After visiting two old churches and looking like drowned rats from walking in the rain, they had lunch at the Sandemann Wine Lodge.

Leaving the wine lodge and returning to the main road, they found city workers trying to unclog street drains so the standing water, which was everywhere, could drain. Buscao was the next destination and the hotel was back in the woods, up a narrow winding road. The hotel was built by someone who apparently could not afford the upkeep, so it was sold to the Jesuits for a monastery. They sold it again to be refurbished as a hotel. It was full of antiques.

Calendar

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each month. For meeting time and place, call the church at 877-1936.

SINGLES CONNECTION events this week are: Pizza buffet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at Pantera's in the Montclair Shopping Center in Edwardsville. For more information, call Ben, 254-1956. Trip to Northwest Plaza to play mini-golf. Meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 at almost an hour before they reached an exit near their

Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, 2100 Madison (in the Ketter Center C Dayroom). For more information call 453-2425.

THE CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the King's House on North 66th Street in Belleville. For more information call 234-0281.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Path to Recovery, 8 p.m. every Tuesday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 388-9409.

LEARNING TO LEARN support group for families with special needs children, for families and friends of any child with any disability. Meets 7 to 8 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at Word of Life Tabernacle, 4870 Maryville Road in Granite City. Childcare is provided. Call Gina at 931-6453.

Other

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES hunter safety class is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. March 12 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 14 at the Granite City VFW Hall, 21st and Washington. Held for students under 16 who do not have a card. Must attend both classes for the card.

MADISON COUNTY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, meets 7 p.m., second Thursday of each month, at Immanuel United Church, 800 N. Main, Edwardsville.

EDWARDSVILLE KENNEL CLUB, 7:30 p.m. every Sunday at the Granite City VFW Hall, 21st and Washington. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffish.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 BINGO, 1 p.m. every Sunday at the Granite City VFW Hall, 21st and Washington. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffish.

GATEWAY SOUNDS CHORUS, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Collinsville Senior Citizen Center, 420 E. Main, Collinsville. For more information call Joyce Greiner at 398-8853.

FREE GED CLASSES

*Registration takes place at the first class session for each location.

DAYTIME CLASSES

Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. 9 a.m.—12:50 p.m., daily, March 23 to April 9, register in gym lobby.
Cahokia Goodwill Career Center, 1040 Camp Jackson Road. 9 a.m.—12:50 p.m., daily, March 12 to April 7, register in lobby.
Centerville City Hall, 5800 Bond Ave. 11 a.m.—2:50 p.m., daily, March 12 to April 7, register in lobby.
Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road. 9 a.m.—12:50 p.m., daily, March 23 to April 9, register in cafeteria.
Red Bud Campus, 4950 Maryville Road. 9-11 a.m., daily, March 30 to April 29, register in Room 114.

EVENING CLASSES

Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., March 24 to May 7, register in gym lobby.
Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road. 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., March 24 to May 7, register in cafeteria.
Cahokia High School, 800 Range Lane. 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., March 24 to May 7, register in the library.
Collinsville High School, 2201 S. Morrison Ave. 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., March 24 to May 7, register in Room 102.

For information, call BAC at 235-2700, ext. 525 — or toll-free at 1-800-BAC-5131, ext. 525.

BELLEVILLE AREA COLLEGE

Nameoki Women hold meeting

The Nameoki Women's Club held its regular meeting Jan. 21, at the Harold Brown building.

A dessert luncheon was served by hostess Dorothy McCauley and Mildred Branding.

After lunch there was a business meeting and plans were made for the upcoming meeting in February.

Following the business meeting, the group enjoyed a game of crazy bridge.

Present were Dolores Allen, Mildred Branding, Lucille Etheridge, Edna Forcade, Mabel Gerisch, Marie Isenberg, Mildred Jungles, Dorothy McCauley, Marian Mertz, Marian Shelton, Lu Tabor, Ella Wade, and Glenna Eaton.

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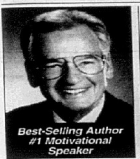
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NEWS

Young at Heart plans activities

Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held a monthly meeting on Feb. 16, in the church community center.

The meeting was called to order by President Irma Manning. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January meeting were read given by Cecelia Mance. Friendship chairperson, Mary Rita Ahlers sent sympathy cards to Sophia Kreider, and Sister Jean Patrick due to the death of her sister. Membership chairperson, Connie McGee, reported 35 members in attendance with two new members, Nellie and John Forrest; and one renewed member, Irene Makarewicz.

Irma Manning reported a free trip is scheduled to Par-a-dice Casino in Peoria on Thursday. We will leave the church parking lot at 7 a.m., cruise from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., eat at 2:30 p.m.

Another trip is scheduled to Par-a-dice Peoria, a two day trip on April 27-28. The price of \$35 includes transportation, hotel, and three meals: dinner, breakfast and lunch. Cut-off date for reservation and payment is April 13.

Another trip is scheduled on May 2 on the Showboat to see the stage play "Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat," price \$24. We will leave the church parking lot at 11 a.m., board at 11:45 a.m., with a buffet dinner at noon and see the show at 1:30 p.m. Cut-off date for reservations and payment is May 11.

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, SIU Edwardsville will celebrate Senior Day with crafts, literature, booths and entertainment. The ballroom will be open at 1 p.m. for dancing.

Birthdays celebrated in February were:

Cecelia Mance, Gladys Skubish, Helen Noeth, Ann Bicanic, Lucille Caban and Art Oberle. Holy Family Catholic Church is having a mission that runs through Thursday. Young at Heart served refreshments on Monday. Holy Family fish fries will start on Ash Wednesday, March 25, and every Friday thereafter, is taking reservations and payments for the Young at Heart corn beef and cabbage dinner, which will be held at the monthly meeting on Monday, price \$6.

Attendance prizes were won by: Pauline Hanson, Connie McGee, John Forrest, Al Mance, Katherine Sawicki, Mary Yevin, Frances Vivod, and Victoria McQuay. Valentine's Day boxes of candy were won by Lucille Caban and Al Mossa.

Holy Families' annual picnic will be held on June 19-21.

Kelly Martin, spokesperson for the Madison County Nursing Home, spoke to the Young at Heart about the nursing home. This nursing home was established in 1925 as a TB hospital. As society increased in age, in 1971 the hospital was changed to the Madison County Nursing Home, and Shelter Care Home.

This nursing home is old and antiquated with two facilities (3 floors). It houses over 140 aged people. With a single new facility, the nursing home could cut the cost and provide Medicare services they can't provide now because they don't meet standards. Voters will go to the polls on March 17 to decide the fate of the nursing home.

After refreshments of cherry cobbler and ice cream, the remainder of the evening was spent playing bingo.

Prizes available on Illinois Power Web site

In February 1997, Illinois Power launched the Power of Education web page and dedicated it to young people and their education.

This year, Illinois Power invites students to help celebrate the site's first anniversary by visiting the web site and registering to win a grand prize — one of four mountain bikes.

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Today's Food

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Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

Publicly touted as treatment for problems ranging from hangovers to weight management, cabbage makes an impression on flavor fanciers, as well as those who are health-minded.

INSIDE

Heart-y Bites

With all the spinach he ate, Popeye was one healthy sailor man.

INSIDE

Blue Ribbon Cook

Winning shrimp recipe absorbs a little bit of southern hospitality along with smoothly spicy seasoning.

INSIDE

Private Label Test Run

New Italian food series on shelves at Schnucks tries to fulfill imaginative ingredient needs of classic dishes.

INSIDE

Micro Raves

Frozen ingredients add up to easy sum of a hot meal in minutes.

INSIDE

Lively Taste

For people who like pancake flavor without the pancakes, process 1 cup milk, 2 medium bananas, cut in chunks and frozen, and 3 to 4 tablespoons pancake syrup in blender until combined. Add 1 more banana, frozen in chunks. Blend until smooth. Serve in 2 glasses; sprinkle tops with a little nutmeg, if desired.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Infections may be here and treated today, but effects may not be gone tomorrow.

INSIDE

Fresh Picks

Root vegetables are easy to enjoy. While a roast or corned beef is cooking in the oven, place a variety of veggies — 8 small parsnips (about 1 pound), peeled, cut in 3-inch lengths and end pieces sliced in half; white and light green parts of 6 small leeks (about 2 pounds), well cleaned, cut in 3-inch lengths, and 2 red bell peppers, cut in 2-inch pieces — in a 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pan. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons oil, then toss with 1-1/2 teaspoons crushed marjoram leaves, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Roast in 350 degree oven, stirring once, 35 to 40 minutes until tender and lightly browned.

Big Fat Tip

For a simple seafood salad, combine 8 ounces surimi (imitation crab or scallop) seafood, 1 cup (half a 15-ounce can) black beans and 3/4 cup canned corn, 1 cup chopped bell pepper and 1/2 cup light or nonfat mayonnaise. For less sodium, rinse and drain canned vegetables twice. To reduce it more, use cooked scallops, home-cooked beans and corn. To pump up flavor, add a dollop of salsa or a few drops pepper sauce to taste. Refrigerate 2 hours before serving. For sandwiches, serve on rolls with leafy lettuce.

Future Shop

Americans' taste preferences are slow to change, but they provide impetus to update major components, even appliances, in kitchens. Of the top five foods eaten between 1987 and 1997, two have switched places. Steak moved from first to fifth place, while pizza swapped from fifth to first. This kind of information affects more people than flour manufacturers and tomato farmers. Carol Verwey, manager of public relations for Whirlpool Corporation, says refrigerator makers try to find ways to offer flat shelves that fit pizza boxes better, rather than giving in to bigger drawers for meat.



An aromatic beef stew, like this one with vegetables, will embrace anyone who wants to celebrate in Irish fashion on St. Patrick's Day. For a traditional dinner of corned beef, rinse a 5-pound corned beef brisket and place in a large kettle. Cover with water. Add 2 whole cloves, 2 bay leaves, 1 clove garlic and 10 whole black peppercorns. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 5 minutes. Skim surface, then cover kettle and simmer 3 to 4 hours until corned beef is fork-tender. During last 30 minutes, add 8 medium carrots and 8 medium onions, peeled and sliced, and 8 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in large chunks. Add 1 medium cabbage, cut in wedges, to cook last 15 minutes. Cook vegetables until just tender.

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

On St. Patrick's Day, pity the person of Irish heritage who doesn't like the color green and woe to the would-be Irishman who doesn't wear it!

March 17 is the traditional day for everyone to be Irish. Corned beef and cabbage leads its menu.

Preparation for corned beef — brisket cured in a strong, salty brine for distinctive flavor — varies, but the single necessity is to cook it slowly in liquid until it is tender.

Often prepackaged corned beef comes with cooking

Many would mate deliciously with boiled potatoes, another Irish tradition. Cook them separately, then combine with a bit of the salty cooking juice from the meat.

For the "Irishman" who speaks in Italian flavors, green pasta could answer the call. Fettuccine, tortellini, fusilli, cavatappi all come with a green hue, usually from spinach added to the water when they are made.

Made with basil, sometimes parsley, pesto also remains green in its many forms. It can be found as

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Lucky Shamrocks

Combine 1/4 cup granulated sugar, 1/4 cup green granulated sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. In a separate bowl, melt 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine or butter.

Separate dough from 10-ounce can refrigerated flaky biscuits. Divide each biscuit into four pieces, leaving one a little smaller than the other three. The dough is easier to divide with kitchen shears. Roll the three larger ones into balls, dip into margarine, then into sugar, and place on ungreased baking sheet in cluster. Flatten slightly. Roll the fourth smaller piece into oblong piece; dip, like the balls, in margarine and sugar, then wedge between two dough balls for stem.

Bake in preheated 375 oven 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown.

Makes 10 Lucky Shamrocks.

Kids' Cuisine

Today's Food

Year-round summer taste ebbs from south of border with culinary challenge

Once a chef, always a chef, it seems. Even though he now lives in happy retirement with his wife, Marlyse, in California, Jean-Paul Weber cannot resist a culinary challenge.

Born and educated in France, he pursued a career as a chef in his native country as well as Germany, England and Spain. After a stint in Moscow in the early '60s, he opened Maxim's de Paris in Chicago, managed Chez Paul Restaurant in Chicago and Jean-Paul Restaurant in Milwaukee.

PBS fans recognize him from his cooking show, "Cooking with a Continental Flavor," for more than a decade.

When the Chilean Fresh Fruit Association announced a "Taste of Summer in Winter" recipe contest open only to professionals, he somehow heard his name trumpeted.

Contest judges decided he has not lost his touch. His recipe for a classic open-

Southern Hemisphere, Chile is able to send fresh grapes, as well as peaches, nectarines, plums, kiwi-fruit, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries to U.S. shores for a taste of summer that warms North

America's winter.

A world-class chef like Jean-Paul Weber appreciates this kind of care and the ability to use fresh fruits in a winning classic, like his grape tart.

BLACK AND WHITE GRAPE TART

1 1/4 cups plus 1 tbsp. flour
Pinch salt
6 tbsp. cold butter, cut in bits
2 to 3 tbsp. ice water
2 cups green seedless grapes
2 cups black or red seedless grapes
1/2 cup milk (2 percent recommended)
3 eggs
1/4 cup extra-fine sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
Confectioner's sugar for dusting
Fresh grape clusters for garnish, if desired

In bowl, combine 1 1/4 cups flour and salt. Using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add 2 tablespoons ice water. Mix with fork until dough comes together. Add more water, if necessary.
On lightly-floured work surface, knead dough briefly into ball. Wrap in plastic wrap. Flatten into disk. Freeze 15 minutes, or chill 1 hour or overnight.

Grease and lightly flour 11-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Roll chilled pastry on lightly-floured surface into 13-inch circle. Line pan. Remove excess dough, if necessary. Chill 15 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°.

Cut round of parchment paper to fit pan, leaving 1-inch overhang. Line pastry with paper. Fill with dried beans. Bake on lowest rack of preheated oven 20 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Remove beans and paper. Cool completely.

Rinse grapes; remove stems and dry. In blender, combine milk, eggs, sugar, remaining 1 tablespoon flour and vanilla. Blend well.

Spread grapes in single layer over cooled pastry. Whirl milk mixture again and carefully pour over grapes.

Reduce oven temperature to 350°. Bake tart on lowest rack of oven about 25 minutes until custard is set and surface is golden brown.

Cool tart on rack 30 minutes. Remove rim. Cool completely.

RAISIN PIE

Unbaked single-crust pie crust
2 cups dark or light raisins
2 1/2 cups water
2 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. white vinegar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/8 tsp. salt
1 tsp. butter

Preheat oven to 425°. Boil raisins in 2 cups water 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

Dissolve cornstarch in 1/4 cup cold water. Add to raisin mixture, mixing well. Add cinnamon, vinegar, brown sugar, salt and butter.

Cup of Coffee

Life along Mississippi cooks up Irish food lore

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

A light southern drawl overpowers the Irish brogue of Angie Thompson Holtzouser, author of "Drop Dimplin's and Pan-Memories. Along the Mississippi." Still, her Irish heritage is never out of tune.

Her cookbook winds down the Mississippi River from Kimmiswick to Memphis, visiting 10 restaurants that shared recipes for some of their delicious inventions, plus a bushel of family and local dishes from Holtzouser's family.

"We have a six-generation southern, Irish family. When our little granddaughter came along, I knew I did not want the generations to lose our stories," she says.

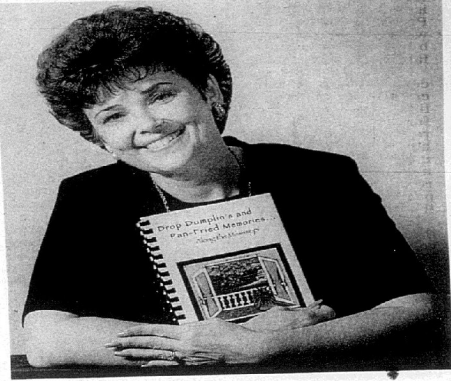
Before the big family celebration this week, full of food and song, she will sign copies of her book from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 9618 Watson Road, Crestwood.

On St. Patrick's Day the family will gather at the home of her parents.

"When my grandmother died, everyone started going to my mother's. She was the oldest of seven children and she became a second mother and I became a sister to many in her family. It's not unusual to have 30 or 35 people there just for a meal. On a special occasion, there are more."

Her own experience, according to the book, put her in touch with leprechauns, even though she didn't see them. According to her great-grandfather, who was called Pappy, they took over for elves as they made toys in the Christmas tradition.

The first recipes in her book recall an Easter dinner menu from 1956 of baby ribs, onion-fried potatoes, Irish soda bread and bread pudding made with homemade Irish orange marmalade.



Angie Holtzouser shares foods she enjoys as part of her Irish, southern and Mississippi River family heritage.

Lambert's Throated Rolls, corned beef and cabbage will be served, along with sour cream rolls and oatmeal lace cookies. She grew up in Tennessee and came to southeast Missouri 15 years ago. She was director of the New Madrid Chamber of Commerce for 10 years.

The Blue Owl Restaurant and Bakery in Kimmiswick is the northernmost restaurant which became a resource for the author. Owner Mary Hostetter recently was named restaurateur of the year by the Greater St. Louis Restaurant Association.

"I met Mary through tourism ventures in New Madrid. I was so excited when she shared her White Chili recipe," Holtzouser said.

Other Blue Owl recipes in the book are Levee-High Apple Pie and Sweet Potato Crisp.

She calls the recipes in the book "to die for." "There actually were no recipes. We started making them by sight, then worked them into recipes. Everyone looked forward to eating them on weekends and still wants to know what we're having," she said.

The published cookbook costs \$15.95 in stores or can be mail-ordered by sending \$19.95 to: Fayette Enterprises, P.O. Box 10, Lilbourn, Mo. 63862.

Janice Denham is food editor of Suburban Journals.

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Recipe

REFRIGERATOR BEAN SALAD

2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) french-style green beans, drained
12 pitted ripe olives, sliced
1 can (8 oz.) sliced water

chestnuts
1 jar (6 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained
1/2 onion, thinly sliced in rings
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 tsp. garlic salt
2 tsp. grated parmesan
1 jar (4 oz.) sliced pimiento
1 (8 oz.) bottle Italian salad dressing

Combine beans, olives, water chestnuts, mushrooms, onion, pepper, garlic salt, parmesan cheese and pimiento. Toss well. Add salad dressing.
Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours, stirring often. Makes 8 servings.

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Today's Food

Heart-y Bites

By TAMMY RUBEL

Spinach provides Popeye with more than muscles

As a child, watching one of my favorite cartoons, "Popeye, the Sailor Man," I was thrilled to see Popeye down a can of spinach and suddenly have the muscles and strength to fight the enemy or to save Olive Oyl.

Although eating a lot of spinach may not give me instant physical power, it can provide many health benefits. Spinach is a low-calorie, fat-free food that supplies ample amounts of beta carotene, vitamins C and E and folic acid.

Many Americans are deficient in folic acid. Spinach is a good source. Just ½ cup cooked spinach provides about one-third of the recommended daily amount. A well-known benefit of folic acid is its role in preventing neural tube

birth defects during pregnancy.

It is important that a woman's body has enough when she becomes pregnant and the baby starts to grow.

Research also has considered folic acid in the prevention of heart disease.

Folic acid may help lower the risk of heart disease in adults by reducing levels of an artery-damaging substance known as homocysteine, which makes protein for the body.

Results from several studies concluded people who suffered heart attacks or strokes were more likely to have high levels of homocysteine than their healthier counterparts. Folic acid is most effective in lowering homocysteine levels.

Spinach tastes great cooked or raw to other people besides Popeye.

It is a splendid addition to salad, soup, meat, pasta and bean dishes to add for more nutrition and flavor. Overcooking spinach leaches its vital nutrients and turns its lush green leaves into flavorless mush.

Rinse raw leaves several times to clean them thoroughly.

If the recipe file tends to be low on spinach recipes, Florentine Onion Bake would be a strong start.

This quick and easy recipe can be served as an elegant side dish or as a tasty, low-fat appetizer.

Registered dietitian Tammy Rubel is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

FLORENTINE ONION BAKE

Medicine Chest

By REBECCA COLEY

Infections can bear lasting impressions

Often we think of infections as temporary ailments. If identified as bacterial, they are treated with antibiotics and the infection goes away. Rarely do we think about long-term complications, but sometimes an infection, even well treated, can leave consequences years later.

An infection caused by the organism chlamydia pneumoniae is common. In women it can cause pelvic inflammatory disease and result in scarring of tissues. Now researchers have found reason to believe there are other secondary effects of this infection.

Researchers from the United Kingdom found patients who have had a heart attack and a previous chlamydia infection were more likely to have a second heart attack, compared to those who had not had chlamydia infections.

After a chlamydia infection, the body builds antibodies. These antibodies continue to circulate in the body for years. Recently, researchers found high levels of these antibodies in patients with high blood pressure.

One might speculate that chlamydia capable of producing tissue scarring can affect blood vessels, the heart and other organs the same way. This may explain its reported association with heart disease and high blood pressure.

Registered pharmacist Rebecca Coley is a board member of the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. Questions in "Medicine Chest," can be e-mailed to her at rcoley@htsmail.com or sent to: Medicine Chest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Blue Ribbon Cook

Baby meal earns rank

Jennie Cox, Edwardsville, is this week's winner of dinner certificates to the Pasta House Co. for Betty's Shrimp and Tomato Dish.

This month's 6-Ingredient Recipe Contest continues until March 31. Send a single recipe to: 6-Ingredient Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131.

Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

BETTY'S SHRIMP AND TOMATO DISH

- ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 3 bunches green onions with tops, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 ribs celery, diced
- Pinch thyme
- 2 lb. (or less) shrimp, peeled
- 3 or 4 ripe tomatoes, quartered, or 1 can (14.5 oz.) tomatoes, drained, quartered
- ½ cup sliced black olives
- 1 tsp. white Worcestershire sauce
- Oregano, salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper to taste
- 1 can (10½ oz.) cream of mushroom soup

Melt butter in pan. Heat with olive oil. Sauté onion, garlic and celery. Add thyme, shrimp, tomatoes, olives and Worcestershire sauce. Add oregano, salt, black and cayenne pepper individually to taste. Heat through until shrimp is pink.

Serve over hot pasta or rice.

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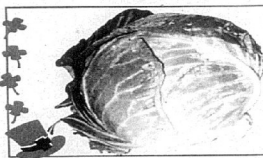
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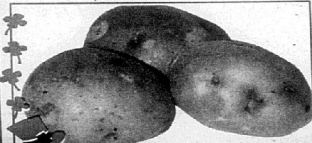
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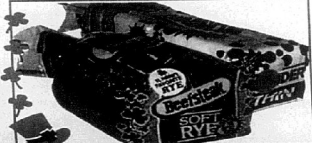
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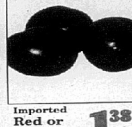


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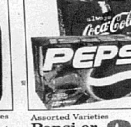
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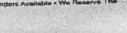
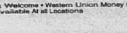
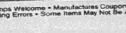
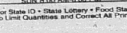
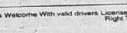
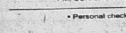
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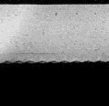
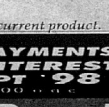
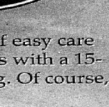
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Today's Food

salmon gives slick start or can double as a star

After 20 years in business management, Harry Crane switched careers to pursue his true love — cooking. Apprenticed to French master chef Pierre Pollin at Le Titi de Paris in Arlington Heights, Ill., his culinary education also included programs at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris and the Culinary

Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. In the Chilean Fresh Fruit Association's Taste of Summer in Winter recipe contest open only to professional chefs, he emerged with the winning appetizer recipe and grand prize winner for the best overall recipe in the midwest region.

Judges appreciated his creative use of juicy, flavorful nectarines as a foil to heart-healthy salmon and mixed baby greens. Use a mild salad oil to let the other flavors shine. To turn the dish into a main dish, double the size of the salmon fillets and serve it for the winner it is.



Served as an appetizer or as a main dish, salmon dressed with fruity salsa is a grand prize winner at any table.

PAN-SEARED SALMON WITH CHILEAN NECTARINE RELISH

NECTARINE RELISH

- 3 cups diced ripe nectarine
- 2 ripe tomatoes, seeded, diced
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1 serrano chili pepper, minced
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tbsp. lime juice
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. white pepper

CILANTRO OIL

- 1 bunch cilantro
- cup oil
- Pinch salt

SALAD

- 3 tbsp. salad oil
- 1 tsp. lime juice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 cups mixed baby greens, rinsed

SALMON

- 6 (2 oz. each) fresh salmon pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Flour as needed
- Oil as needed

Combine nectarine, tomato, onion, chili and 2 tablespoons cilantro. Refrigerate up to 24 hours to blend flavors.

One hour before serving, add 2 tablespoons lime juice, 1 tablespoon oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt and white pepper. Mix gently. Let sit at room temperature.

Blanch cilantro in 2 cups salted boiling water 5 seconds. Remove and immerse quickly in ice water, then drain on paper towels.

In blender, process cilantro, 3/4 cup oil and pinch salt at high speed until smooth and liquidy. Pour into squeeze bottle.

Season salmon with salt and pepper. Dredge in flour and gently pat to remove excess flour.

Heat small amount of oil in pan until smoking. Sear salmon on all sides. Cook a few minutes to desired degree of doneness.

While salmon finishes cooking, whisk together 3 tablespoons oil and 1 tablespoon lime juice. Salt and pepper to taste. Mix with baby greens.

Place 1/2 cup dressed greens in center of 6 plates. Attractively distribute nectarine relish around greens and place 1 salmon portion atop each base of greens. Garnish plates with cilantro oil. Serve immediately.

Refrigerate unused oil for later use.

Makes 6 servings.

Recipe

SLOPPY JUAN

- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- 2 1/2 tsp. minced fresh jalapeno pepper
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 8 oz. lean ground beef
- 1 cup pinto or kidney

- beans, canned or cooked
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1 tsp. chili seasoning
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup diced, fresh or canned tomato
- 8 sandwich or burger buns, lightly toasted

In nonstick skillet coated with nonstick cooking spray,

sauté onion, green pepper, jalapeno and garlic until onion is translucent.

Add beef. Cook and stir until meat is lightly browned. Drain off all fat. Add beans, salt, pepper and chili seasoning. Cook 1 minute, stirring continually to season evenly.

Add ketchup and tomato. Cook until sauce thickens. Serve on toasted buns.

Recipe

BEEF FAJITAS

- 1 can (10 oz.) diced tomato and green chiles
- 1 cup beer
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 tbsp. oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 1/2 lb. skirt steak, excess fat trimmed
- 2 medium onions, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 2 medium green bell peppers, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 10 (8 inch) flour tortillas

- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup guacamole
- 1/2 cup taco sauce

In 13-by-9-inch baking dish, combine tomato and green chiles, beer, lemon juice, oil, garlic and pepper. Toss meat with tomato mixture until all sides are coated. Top with onion and pepper. Refrigerate, covered, at least 6 hours or overnight.

Remove meat and vegetables from marinade. Boil marinade 5 minutes.

Broil meat 3 inches from heat source 8 minutes. Turn over meat. Brush with marinade. Cook about 7 minutes to medium doneness. Slice beef across grain in thin strips.

Coat 10-inch skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Sauté onion and pepper over medium heat 10 minutes until pepper is tender-crisp. For each fajita, layer meat, onion and pepper cheese, sour cream, guacamole and taco sauce in center of warm tortilla. Roll to enclose.

Makes 10 fajitas.

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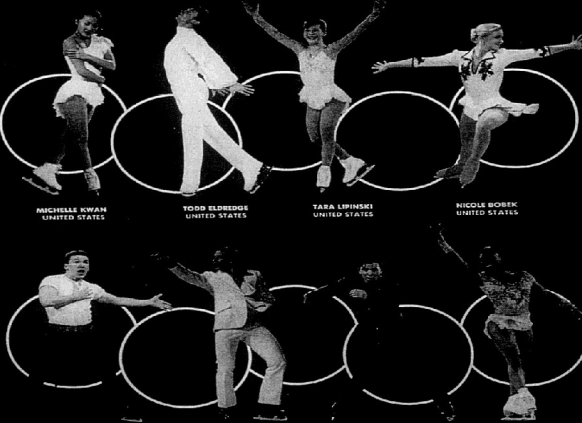
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LIGHT CRAB CAKES

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 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard
 2 egg whites, slightly beaten
 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
 3 tbsp. Italian-style bread crumbs
 1 tsp. capers, drained
 3 drops pepper sauce or to taste
 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
 Fresh dill and lemon wedges for garnish

Pick over crabmeat, removing any shell or cartilage.

In medium bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice and mustard. Add egg whites, parsley, 1 tablespoon crumbs, capers and pepper sauce, blending well. Gently fold in crabmeat. Season with salt and pepper.

Form mixture into equal-size patties or cakes. Dredge patties in remaining 2 tablespoons bread crumbs, coating each very lightly.

Arrange cakes on baking sheet. Cover loosely. Refrigerate at least 20 minutes.

Cook cakes in large non-stick skillet about 3 minutes per side until golden brown. Serve immediately. Garnish as desired.

Makes 4 large crab cakes or 6 small cakes.

Recipe

TOFU SALAD

16 oz. tofu, drained, cut in 1/2 inch to 1 inch cubes
 1/2 cup water
 1 medium green bell pepper
 1 small onion
 1 tsp. pressed garlic, if desired
 1/2 cup chopped celery
 1 can (8 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, drained
 1 small bunch fresh broccoli, chopped
 2 small carrots, sliced diagonally
 1/4 cup plain yogurt
 3 tbsp. light mayonnaise
 1 tsp. dried parsley
 1 tsp. curry powder
 1/2 tsp. cracked black pepper

In nonstick skillet or wok over high heat, stir-fry tofu until outer edges become golden brown. Place in large mixing bowl.

Place water in preheated skillet. Stir-fry green pepper, onion, garlic, celery, water chestnuts, broccoli and carrot 2 to 4 minutes.

Add vegetables to tofu. Refrigerate 10 minutes.

Combine yogurt, mayonnaise, parsley, curry and pepper in small bowl. Toss with cooled tofu and vegetables.

Marinate in refrigerator at least 3 hours before serving. Yields 6 servings; 109 calories, 5 g fat, 43 mg sodium and trace of cholesterol each.



What a lucky combination! Cabbage tastes good, is healthy and comes in fashionable color.

Tasty cabbage touts luck o' blooming Irish

By Dana Jacobi
 Correspondent

If cabbage is not a food that leaps to mind when thinking of fine cuisine, it would be news to many top restaurants today. Cabbage's smelly, lackluster character of old is transformed into flavorful elegance by using simple cooking techniques.

Cabbage is a member of the cruciferous family of vegetables that includes broccoli, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. They contain a wealth of nutrients, including calcium, beta carotene and vitamin C, as well as phytochemicals that health experts, such as the American Institute for Cancer Research, have found play a vital role in lowering cancer risk.

Flavors of dishes like red cabbage braised with roast chestnuts and apples or moist salmon wrapped and steamed in a cabbage leaf.

Delicious meals vary in flavor by using a few of the many varieties available, such as glossy globes of red cabbage, milder-tasting savoy, crisp Napa cabbage, or sharply-flavored Asian bok choy.

Become an honorary Irish soul on St. Patrick's Day by eating the green isle's classic combination of cabbage and onions. This Colcannon uses a touch of olive oil, instead of the gobs of butter in traditional Irish recipes, and proves cooking cabbage with a bit of care can make a great dish.

For at least 4,000 years, humans have cultivated and eaten cabbage. Members of the Roman legions brought cabbage with them to the British Isles to cultivate it in kitchen gardens. Since then, cooks have discovered countless ways to use this cruciferous vegetable — boiled and served alongside corned beef, stuffed with ground meat, simmered in hearty stew.

Today's tastes are better served by the lighter, fresh flavors of dishes like red cabbage braised with roast chestnuts and apples or moist salmon wrapped and steamed in a cabbage leaf.

Dana Jacobi — author of "Best Claypot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: Soy!" — submits this material on behalf of the AICR in Washington.

GOLDEN COLCANNON

2 tbsp. olive oil
 4 medium onions, halved, sliced
 1 small green cabbage (about 1 1/2 lb.), quartered, cored, cut in 1/2 inch strips (about 12 cups)
 1/4 tsp. thyme
 4 medium yellow- or white-fleshed potatoes, halved
 Salt and freshly ground pepper

In large Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and cabbage, stirring to coat them with oil. It may be necessary to let some onion wilt first to make room

for all the cabbage. When vegetables are wilted, after about 10 to 12 minutes, reduce heat to medium-low. Cook 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are soft and moist.

Increase heat to medium-high. Cook 12 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until mixture is golden and very soft.

In large saucepan, cover potatoes with cold water. Over high heat, boil about 20 minutes until potato is soft when pierced with knife. Drain and peel.

To serve, place potato and cabbage-onion mixture in serving bowl. Coarsely mash potato with cabbage. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 4 servings, 267 calories and 8 g fat each.

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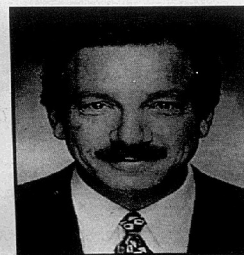
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Tightening stomach muscles when you walk helps avoid back strain. And it looks good, too.

Watch out for the typical "diet" plate: at a luncheonette, its cottage cheese and hamburger patty (without the bun) and flavored gelatin contain about 435 calories — and more than 50 percent fat.

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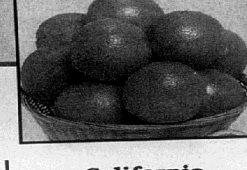
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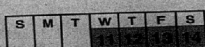
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Beetle

New Beetle offers up-to-date ride down memory lane

By Tom Strongman

Volkswagen's New Beetle makes you smile. This chipmunk-cheeked two-door tugs at your emotions and strikes a resonant chord with young and old alike, from teenagers to the Woodstock generation. Post-hippie flower children will love it for the way it rekindles memories of the 1960s and 1970s. Teenagers will be bowled over by its cuteness.

But don't misunderstand the New Beetle. It is more than a retro remake of a cultural icon that generated total sales of more than 21 million vehicles over the course of its lifetime.

It is also a magnet to draw buyers to VW showrooms and put Volkswagen back in the lexicon of folks searching for a new car. Prices start at \$15,700 including freight, a far cry from the \$800 price of the first Volkswagen that came here in 1949.

VW plans to build 50,000 cars at its plant in Mexico during the first full year of production, and most will come here first.

Demand is sure to outstrip supply. Europe will get cars late this year. Eventually, VW hopes to sell about 100,000 a year worldwide.

Volkswagen recently offered automotive journalists brief drives in the countryside surrounding Atlanta. The 55 red, yellow, blue and silver cars for our use looked like brightly colored eggs in an Easter basket.

The New Beetle is as different from the old one as water is to wine. Whereas the original was air-cooled, rear-engine, rear-wheel drive, the new one is water-cooled, front-engine and front-wheel-drive.

The original was basic transportation personified, and for years it did not even have a gas gauge. The new one comes standard with air conditioning, central locking, anti-theft alarm, four-wheel disc brakes, front and side air bags and a six-speaker AM/FM stereo.

Oh, yes, and a bud vase, too, for those who like to keep a fresh daisy on their dash.

Built on the same platform as the new Golf, available in Germany but not here yet, the New Beetle uses a 2.0-liter, 115-horsepower,



four-cylinder engine. A five-speed manual gearbox is standard, an automatic optional. For those concerned with the optimum in fuel economy (41 mpg city, 48 mpg highway), a 1.9-liter, turbocharged, direct-injection (TDI) diesel engine is available. This high-tech power plant is expected in less than 10 percent of cars sold in North America, although I would suspect it to be much more popular in Europe.

Performance nuts will want to wait until later this year when the 1.8-liter, turbocharged engine with 150 horsepower is available. This rascal is reputed to be capable of tearing to 60 mph in 7 seconds.

I sampled both five-speed and automatic versions. Whipping the five-speed through its paces was fun, especially on rural two-lane roads. The fat, round shift knob encourages you to use it often, and the engine sounds throaty without being coarse.

What amazed me most was how much I liked the automatic. Its acceleration was marginally slower than the stick, but somehow the whole vehicle felt more refined and quiet, almost like a baby luxury sedan.

Mechanically, the New Beetle has a level of sophistication never hinted at by the original. The chassis is poised in all but the craziest driving. We never once spilled a drop of water from the bud vase.

On the interstate it hustles along with ease. Around 70 mph there was moderate wind whistle around the front of the doors, but it varied from car to car. I will reserve judgment on this until we can drive a regular production model.

The cabin is positively spacious up front. My 6-foot-4-inch driving partner could have worn a cowboy hat without bumping the roof. Leg room, too, was generous. Tip the front

seat forward and climb in back, however, and the reverse will find rear head room snug but tolerable. In other words, the back seat is intended for occasional use by kids, pets or short friends.

The arching roofline creates a very deep dashboard, much like that of a small minivan, and the view out front is much the same. Forward vision, however, panoramic, is moderately interrupted by wide-based windshield pillars.

Back where the engine used to be on the old model you will find a 12-cubic-foot trunk. This is a hatchback, and the cargo hold is most generous with the back seat folded down. Dropping the seat to create this space means removing the headrests, tipping the bottom cushion forward and sliding the front seats forward a little.

The rest of the cabin has a high-tech look that is most appealing, from the large instrument pod that contains a speedometer, gas gauge and tachometer, to the rubberized texture found on the dash and shift knob. The radio, air outlets and heater knobs sit in a round center section of the dash within easy reach.

Front seats were firm and well-contoured, but drivers well over 6 feet may find their shape problematic for long stints at the wheel. Sizable map pockets adorn each door panel. There are three cup holders up front, two power outlets (one on the console between the seats) and no ashtray, although the dealer can install one. A center armrest is missing.

The base price of the New Beetle is \$15,700, including freight. Prices of options are as follows: automatic transmission, \$875; sport package (alloy wheels, fog lights), \$410; convenience package (power windows, cruise control), \$470; anti-lock brakes, \$300; heated seats, \$150.

Approximate sticker prices for the cars I drove ranged from \$16,880 for the five-speed to \$17,775 for the automatic.

The standard warranty is for two years or 24,000 miles, shorter than most. All scheduled maintenance, however, is free during that period, and the powertrain warranty is for 10 years or 100,000 miles.

Use of turn signals is courteous, saves lives

By Rick Stoff

Using a vehicle's turn signals seems like a simple matter, if for no other reason than courtesy among drivers.

But failure to use turn signals is among the leading causes of the phenomenon recently dubbed "road rage." Ignorance of signal use also is a cause of hundreds of traffic accidents and injuries - and sometimes deaths.

Improper signaling, which is usually the total lack thereof, is one of the infuriating, poor-driving practices that law enforcement officers are starting to monitor more closely.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has begun a public information campaign to remind motorists that practices such as signaling turns and lane changes are not simply recommendations. On top of that, troopers will be on the lookout for failures to signal turns.

"Because of the verbiage that has come out about aggressive driving, we are looking more for carelessness and seeing more carelessness than ever before," said Capt. J.G. Watson of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "A lot of it is caused by things like turning without signaling and following too closely."

State statistics show that failure to properly signal a turn or lane change led to 654 accidents in Missouri in 1996, the last full year for which numbers are available. Property damage resulted from all of those accidents, of course, but 263 people also were injured and three were killed.

The fatality total for accidents involving improper signaling was the same as that for accidents involving drivers traveling the wrong way on one-way streets.

The failure to do something as simple as flicking a signal switch therefore was a probable contributing circumstance in 0.6 percent of all accidents, 0.5 percent of all traffic injuries and 0.3 percent of all road fatalities recorded in the state. Those are small percentages, perhaps, but the numbers seem very significant to those who lost a car, got hurt or died.

Watson pointed out that Missouri motor vehicle laws state that turns or lane changes are acceptable "only after giving of an appropriate signal." Drivers who are ticketed for failure to signal are subject to a fine and can be assessed two points on their driving records.

An appropriate signal may be made by using a "mechanical device or appropriate hand signals." Your choice. Just use something, please.

Why have practices such as improper signaling and road rage become so common?

"There is less driver education," Watson said. "We've got more people driving today than ever before and not a whole lot of new roads. There are more people out there and less space on the road. It's also an education issue."

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Meat market:

NEWS Local couple follows dream, makes independent film

By Allyson McCollum
Staff writer

Many people think it would be fun to make a movie, but few make the jump to actually doing it — on their own time, with their own money.

Marshall Cohen, 37, and his wife, Carla Scissors-Cohen, 36, of St. Louis, spent two weeks in November and 10 days at the end of February doing just that.

Carla's first knowledge of

the film, "The Other Red Meat," came when Marshall brought it up at a family reunion last summer. He said he had an idea and wanted to make a movie, she said.

When asked if she had any qualms about such an undertaking, Carla thought for a moment, then said, "Marshall is a very creative person, and I figured if anyone could get it done, he could."

There was some frustration

at first, Marshall said, but soon phone calls led to advice and assistance.

The Center of Contemporary Arts donated audition space, local businesses served as set locations and donated props; a casting director helped out; local actors and even a few people living in area shelters volunteered their time as actors and helped the couple live out their dream.

The story is about a black market, organ-supply ring. The

organ broker gets organs for people needing transplants, but having homeless people murdered.

The film is a suspenseful, dark comedy, but there is a message in it, Carla said.

"We wanted to point out that homeless people, street people, you see, have lives and dreams and ambitions just like we do," she said. "Their lives have value."

Marshall had been wanting to make a movie, he said, and stayed away from the on-set catering that films with studio backing generally enjoy. Meals were eaten at home and at local restaurants instead.

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Both agreed they learned a great deal making the film. One of the most enjoyable parts of making the movie was learning to adapt during filming, Marshall said. Though they had a script, they were strict with new ideas while filming. The actors and others involved in the movie also had creative ideas to contribute.

savings, and though it amounted to thousands of dollars, it was far below the budget of most films.

"Marshall likes to describe it as a sports-utility vehicle," Carla said of the cost of their film.

They don't have children and both drive old cars, so that helped, she said.

"We're just kind of scraping it together," she said.

To save money, the crew stayed at the Cohens' home and stayed away from the on-set catering that films with studio backing generally enjoy. Meals were eaten at home and at local restaurants instead.

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Local actor Scott Gusman became a part of the film after seeing auditions advertised. Gusman, 33, said the experience was a good one due to the camaraderie of the people involved.

In films in which he has acted as an extra, the directors haven't seemed to care about the actors, Gusman said. But work on "The Other Red Meat" was collaborative.

Actor Phil Cohn agreed. Cohn, who declined to give his age, has acted in several feature films, and the personal relationship he forged with the Cohens was unique in his experience.

The greatest challenges were getting into the right mind-set for each scene, since they were shot out of order, and coordinating filming with a full-time job, Gusman said. It was worth it, though, he said.

"I would do it again in a heartbeat if they asked me to," Gusman said.

Filming was completed Feb. 28. The next step is editing and choosing the music, Carla said. They hope to use original music from St. Louis bands, she said.

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